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MUNICIPAL REPORT.

On the 5th March the Members of the Councils for 1887 and 1888 met in the Board Room, when the management of the affairs of the Municipality was handed over to the present Council.

Mr. BIEBER then on behalf of the outgoing Council expressed their warm appreciation of the eminent services which their Chairman, Mr. WOOD, had rendered, not only to the Council, but to the whole Community, during their year of office. By far the heaviest part of the work done by the Council fell upon his shoulders, and if the past Municipal year had been a successful one, it was mainly due to the Chairman's untiring attention to all Municipal matters. He begged to be allowed to wish the incoming Council the same good fortune and success.

Mr. WOOD having thanked Mr. BIEBER and the Members of the old Council for this expression of their appreciation of his services, the two Councils proceeded to the Yard adjoining the Central Station, where the Police were drawn up for inspection.

After inspecting the different branches of the Force, Mr. WOOD, as Chairman of the outgoing Council, addressed the men, reminding them that this was the third time that he and most of the Members of Council present had assisted at the inspection of the Police Force, and he was sure that they were all again very much satisfied with the appearance of the Force; but a more substantial cause of satisfaction was the efficient manner in which the duties of the Force were performed, which deserved the thanks not only of the Council but of the whole Community.

He was glad that the relations between the Council and the Police Department were in such a pleasant position, and he hoped that they would continue so during the current year.

The Police were then dismissed, and the Members of Council for 1888, after visiting the cells and constables' quarters, which were found clean and comfortable, returned to the Board Room and proceeded to elect the following office-bearers to serve during the year :—

Chairman.—Mr. A. G. Wood.

Vice-Chairman.—Mr. G. J. Morrison.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. H. H. Joseph, J. Macgregor and C. Overbeck.

Watch and Defence Committee.—Messrs. G. J. Morrison, M. Adler and R. de Malherbe.

Works Committee.—Messrs. A. G. Wood, D. A. Darling and Yeend Duer.

Mr. D. A. Darling resigned his seat at the Board in June last, in consequence of his intended departure for Europe, and Mr. E. Wheeley having agreed to serve was unanimously elected in his stead, and became a member of the Works Committee.

Mr. R. de Malherbe resigned his seat in November, but the vacancy caused by his resignation was not filled up.

DEFENCE MATTERS.

S. V. C.

The Volunteer Corps has maintained its efficiency throughout the year. In addition to the annual training there have been several evening parades at which small sham fights were arranged, and there was one field day in December in conjunction with a party from H.B.M. ships Heroine and Mutine. Although, as usual in such cases, it is always difficult and generally impossible to decide which side has the advantage, the advance made by the officers has been most marked, and a real and not unsuccessful attempt is now made by every one to carry on these fights in such a manner as to gain real instruction.

Instruction with Morris tubes now forms part of the regular training of recruits, and the general standard of efficiency in musketry gradually improved during the year.

An unfortunate accident occurred during the summer at the range, resulting in the death of a Chinaman. With a view to doing away with the chance of such accidents in future, a contract was made for raising the stop butt, and the work was approaching completion on 31st December.

In January, Captain DALLAS, who had been a member of the Corps since its formation in 1854 and who had commanded the battery of artillery for many years, resigned his Commission, and shortly afterwards Lieut. NOËL was forced by pressure of business to resign also. This was a serious blow, because Captain DALLAS had done so much for the battery that none of the members had realized the amount of time and trouble required to fill such a post, and the officers first elected found it impossible to devote the necessary time to their duties. It was therefore thought advisable to appoint Mr. CLARKE as Acting Lieutenant in Command. In a few months the battery settled down into working order, and regular elections of officers took place in October.

In November, Captain FLETCHER, R.A., kindly came up from Hongkong and devoted some weeks to giving instruction to the Artillery, with the most beneficial results.

Captain DALLAS on his retirement received from the Council a Commission giving him honorary rank of Major, in consideration of his very long and valuable services.

The usual training took place in March, ending with an Inspection as in former years. The following letters refer to this subject :—

Shanghai, 17th January 1888.

SIR,—The Annual Inspection of the Shanghai Volunteers is arranged to take place on the 31st March, and as the Municipal Council desire to have the report of a qualified officer upon the general efficiency of the Corps, I have the honour to inquire whether your Excellency will appoint an officer to come here to assist at the Inspection as you have been good enough to do in former years.

By desire of the Major Commanding the Volunteers I have also the honour to request that you will allow the Corps during the training season next March the services of two Drill Sergeants, one for the Artillery and the other for the Infantry, the latter to be well up in the new musketry instruction and to remain here a short time after the Inspection on the 31st March.

Should you be able to allow the Volunteers the services of these men, the Council will of course pay all expenses connected with their visit to Shanghai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

To His Excellency,
Major-General CAMERON,
Commanding in China and Straits
Settlements.

Hongkong, 1st February 1888.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. $\frac{88}{25}$ of the 17th instant addressed to His Excellency the Major-General Commanding, requesting the services of an officer to inspect the Shanghai Volunteer Corps at the termination of their annual training and for the assistance of two drill instructors, I have the honor by

direction to acquaint you that Major M. Churchill, 2nd Northamptonshire regiment, has been selected for the duty of Inspecting Officer, and Color-Sergeant Everett, 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, and Sergeant Rankin, 7/1 Western Division Royal Artillery, have been detailed for instructional purposes.

These two Non-Commissioned Officers will proceed to Shanghai in time to arrive there on or about the 1st March next and will be permitted to remain for a short period after the Inspection, to carry out the Musketry training as requested.

His Excellency desires me to add that he proposes sending Major Churchill up so as to arrive a few days before the Inspection, in order that he may have an opportunity of seeing and report the manner in which the instruction of the Corps is conducted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FRED. DAVIES,
Major,
Asst. Military Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 7th February 1888.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and in reply I have to request that you will convey to His Excellency the Major General Commanding, the thanks of the Council and of the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers for the various arrangements he has made in compliance with the request contained in my letter of the 17th January.

By desire of Major Morrison, Commanding the S.V.C., I have also to request that you will inform His Excellency that the day for the Inspection has been altered to Saturday the 7th April, as the 31st March, the day originally appointed, occurring during Easter week, would in many respects be a very inconvenient time.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

To Major FRED. DAVIES,
Asst. Military Secretary, Hongkong.

From Major CHURCHILL, 2nd Northampton Regiment, *to the*
ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 5th May 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with instructions received from H.E. the Major-General Commanding in China and the Straits Settlements I proceeded to Shanghai to carry out the Inspection of the Volunteers of that Settlement, and now on my return from the performance of that duty I have the honour to forward my Report.

Strength.—The strength of the Corps is as shewn in the enclosed statement No. VIII, viz., 20 officers, and 235 non-commissioned officers, rank and file, including 26 which also belong to the local Police Force, out of which there were on the Inspection Parade 19 officers and 177 non-commissioned officers, rank and file, whilst one officer (sick) and 34 non-commissioned officers, rank and file were absent with leave, and 24 absent without leave.

The above statement shows a falling off of 16 members since the Inspection of of 1887, the Light Horse suffering a loss of 8, Artillery 5, No. 1 Company 11, while No. 3 Company has gained 8, and No. 2 remains the same.

Light Horse.—What there are of the Light Horse are in a very fair state of efficiency, and are well handled by their Commanding Officer, Captain Hough, but they are far too weak to be able to carry out the duties that would be required of them in the event of the Corps being called out for active service. I am informed, and believe it to be the case, that in the event of hostilities, the numbers would be very rapidly augmented by the return to the ranks of all those who have ever served in them, and that there would be no lack of Recruits, but as it takes time to train ponies to stand fire, and to keep together in the ranks, it would appear to be extremely desirable that a greater number should undergo that training in peace time. The majority of the ponies that I saw appeared to be fairly well in hand, the general turn out was smart, and the march past very creditable. The sword exercise and pursuing practice were very fair, but the cuts and points require to be given with greater force, and with the edge of the sword more to the front. The charge in line was also fair, but has not been often practised. The dismounted practice was correctly performed, but was very much too slow.

I am glad to say the Light Horse are about to be equipped with gaiters in place of long boots, which for various reasons will be a great improvement. I suggested to them that their swords should be slung from the saddle instead of from the body so that they might not be encumbered by them when performing dismounted work with the carbine.

Of the 23 non-commissioned officers, rank and file it will be seen from the Return I. that only 8 are efficients, and that 4 were absent from Inspection without leave.

Artillery.—I regret to say that 14 of the Artillery out of 42 non-commissioned officers, rank and file, were absent without leave, so that one gun had no detachment. The turn out was good, as also was the march past. There were 4 guns, with 2 ponies per gun, which appeared to be fairly handy except those belonging to one gun. Arrangements have been made whereby 2 more ponies per gun can be procured on hire when circumstances demand, but these are not sufficiently trained, and there is moreover a difficulty in obtaining European drivers. The Commanding officer, Capt. Lamond, seems well qualified for the post, and certainly knows his drill well. I would suggest that in future a non-commissioned officer should be sent to instruct the Artillery who is acquainted with the drill pertaining to field artillery, as also that of the gatling gun, as the Commandant states that those that have recently been sent have only known the drill connected with garrison artillery. I regret to say that the continual foggy and rainy weather prevented my witnessing any artillery gun practice.

It will be observed that (*vide* Return II) of the 42 non-commissioned officers, rank and file there are seventeen non-efficients, and that eleven men belong to the local Police force.

Infantry.—This year, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Infantry have not been able to have as many battalion drills as usual, but allowing for this I consider their performance on parade, and their general steadiness highly creditable. I was much pleased by the knowledge of their drill displayed by those officers who presented themselves for examination, and suggested to them the advisability of making themselves equally proficient in extended order drill, outpost duty and reconnaissance, subjects to which they have hitherto not devoted much attention.

Musketry.—The volley firing is, I regret to say, very indifferent, for although the volleys are fired by squads of ten men at a range of 300 yards at a 6-foot square target, the average of hits is scarcely over 50 per cent. One squad only made 35 hits out of 100 rounds fired, and others only 39, 40 and 41. The best squad made 75. From what I saw on the Range I attribute this defective shooting to the bad positions adopted, and I urged them to devote more attention to preliminary instruction in this respect in order that good positions might be acquired at first.

No. 2 Company is best with an average of 57 hits out of 100.
No. 3 Company is 2nd with an average of 54 hits out of 100.
While the average of No. 1 Co. is only 44.

Out of 146 non-commissioned officers, rank and file, there are 28 non-efficients.

Attack Practice.—The attack practice was very creditably carried out by all concerned, and the Light Horse representing the defence were ably handled by Captain Hough.

Instructors.—The Commandant reports that Sergeant Rankin, R.A., and Color Sergeant Everett, 2nd Northampton Regiment, who were sent to assist in the instruction of the Volunteers, have performed their duties to his entire satisfaction.

Commandant.—I consider the commanding officer, Major Morrison, remarkably well posted in all matters connected with the Corps under his command, and his knowledge of drill, considering the very few opportunities he has of practising it, is uncommonly good, and the time and trouble he devotes to all details connected with the Corps, coupled with his immense zeal and energy, render him a very valuable officer.

General Remarks.—The drills of the Volunteers are all performed during the one month, and have this year been seriously interfered with by the most unfavourable weather, but in spite of this I consider that the good spirit and anxiety to learn which pervades all ranks enabled them to overcome the difficulties sufficiently to put in a very good appearance at the Inspection Parade.

Returns.—I enclose the following Returns :—

I to V—Return of drills, musketry, etc., by Troop, Battalion or Company.
VI—Nominal roll of efficients.
VII—Programme of annual training, 1888.
VIII—7 Parade states of Inspection Parade.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. CHURCHILL,
Major of Northampton Regiment.

No. 1552.

Military Secretary's Office,
China.
Hongkong, 8th May 1888.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Major-General Commanding in China and Straits Settlements to forward for your perusal the Report of the Officer who carried out the Inspection of the Shanghai Volunteers on the 7th April last, and I am to express to you His Excellency's pleasure at hearing that the Corps is on the whole in such a satisfactory state.

The Major-General is particularly gratified to hear that the knowledge of their drill possessed by all the officers, which he himself noticed at his own Inspection two years ago, has been maintained, and considers it a subject for great congratulation that the Corps is commanded by such a zealous and valuable officer as Major Morrison.

It would appear to be decidedly desirable that if possible the strength of the Light Horse should be increased, and the suggestion is submitted for consideration as to whether it would not also be desirable that their drill should be that of Mounted Infantry instead of Cavalry, but he is very glad to ascertain that Captain Hough and those under his command performed the various evolutions required of them in a satisfactory manner. He would suggest the advisability of the ordinary hunting or swan-necked spur being substituted for the box spur now in use, and considers it a matter for regret that only 8 out of the mounted branch of the Corps have rendered themselves efficients.

It is to be regretted 14 of the Artillery were absent from the Inspection without leave.

It is not a matter of any difficulty, in the event of his finding that his business matters compel him to abstain from attending the Inspection Parade, for a Volunteer to ask for the necessary leave of absence, but it should be considered a point of honour with every Volunteer to turn out for Inspection Parade whenever possible, and when not possible to point out the impossibility to his Captain, and request his permission to absent himself, in order that that high feeling of discipline so necessary in all Military matters should be thoroughly maintained.

To avoid any possible mistake arising at a critical time, it would appear to be advisable that an understanding should now be arrived at, that those Volunteers who also belong to the Police Force will, in the event of the Volunteers being called out for active service, be held to serve in the latter, otherwise one gun will be rendered inefficient, as 11 of the Artillerymen belong to the Police.

General Cameron is glad to notice that an advance has been made by the Infantry in the direction of Volley and Independent firing, and hopes that if the suggestions of the Inspecting Officer (regarding attention being paid to correct positions being acquired in the first instance) are attended to, a very marked improvement will be observed by the next Inspection.

In conclusion the General hopes that both the Municipal Council and the Volunteers will take everything that is said in a kind and friendly spirit, his only object being to serve the interest of the Community, and he will always continue to take the same cordial interest in the Corps which he has previously expressed, and if he can at any time do anything to further their advancement it will give him much pleasure to be able to do it.

If it is the desire of the Municipal Council that the report of the Inspecting Officer should be forwarded for the information of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency will have much pleasure in carrying out their wishes, as was done on previous occasions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. CHURCHILL,
Major,
Actg. Asst. My. Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

The attendance at the Inspection was as follows:—

	Captains.	*Lieutenants.*	*All other Ranks.*
Light Horse	1	2	15
Artillery	1	1	29
Infantry No. 1 Co. ...	—	2	36
„ „ 2 „ ...	1	2	42
„ „ 3 „ ...	1	2	34
	4	9	156

In all 169

Staff.—Major Commanding...	1		
Chaplain	1		
Surgeon-major	1		
Staff Sergeants	1		
	—	4	
Band.—Band Master	1		
Bandsmen	22		
	—	23	
Total of all ranks ...		196	

The total strength at the date of inspection was 255.

The efficient list made out after the training was as follows :—

	No. of Efficients.	*Total Strength, exclusive of Band.*
Staff	5	5
Light Horse	12	27
Artillery	27	45
No. 1 Co.	41	52
„ 2 „	49	54
„ 3 „	37	49
	171	232

The number of men on the efficient list is smaller than in 1887, but this arises solely from the lists having been more strictly made out. The number of men who actually performed all the work required of them was greater in 1888 than in 1887, but only about half as many men were excused from full performance of their duties.

During the year the following changes have taken place among the officers of the Corps :

RESIGNATIONS.

Captain B. Dallas, Artillery.
„ W. Lamond, „
Lieutenant C. A. L. Dunn, Light Horse.
„ G. W. Noël, Artillery.
„ E. W. Noël, „
„ W. D. Little, No. 1 Company.
„ G. W. H. Burgoyne, No. 3 Company.
Surgeon N. Macleod, Light Horse.

PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant W. Lamond, Artillery, to be Captain.

NEW COMMISSIONS.

Light Horse:	C. O. Liddell, Lieutenant.
	W. J. Milles, Surgeon.
Artillery:	B. A. Clarke, Captain.
	E. W. Noël, Lieutenant.
	E. D. Sassoon, „
No. 1 Co.:	C. S. Sharp, Lieutenant.
„ 3 „	M. Boyd Bredon, Captain.
	G. Lanning, Lieutenant.

HONORARY COMMISSION.

Captain Barnes Dallas, to be Major on the retired list.

Note.—Captain Hough, Light Horse, resigned his commission in consequence of having to be absent over 3 months, but was re-elected on his return and retains his seniority. Mr. Lamond was elected Captain and commanded at the inspection, but his Commission was not issued.

The Commissions of Captain Bright and Lieut. de Malherbe lapsed under the 3 years' rule, but both officers were re-elected and their Commissions confirmed for a further period of 3 years.

The full strength of the Corps on 31st December 1888 was as follows:—

STAFF.

Major G. J. Morrison (Commanding)	...	...		1
Surgeon-major E. Henderson	...	...	...	1
Chaplain Rev. H. C. Hodges ...	...	...	...	1
Sergeant-major Merritt ...	...	...	...	1
				— 4

LIGHT HORSE.

Captain T. F. Hough, Lieutenants R. de Malherbe and C. O. Liddell, Surgeon W. J. Milles and 28 Non-commissioned Officers and Troopers 32

ARTILLERY.

Captain B. A. Clarke, Lieutenant D. E Sassoon; Surgeon R. Sloan and 50 Non-commissioned Officers, gunners and drivers 53

No. 1 COMPANY.

Captain C. J. Dudgeon, Lieutenant C. S. Sharp, and
52 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates 54

No. 2 COMPANY.

Captain W. Bright, Lieutenants W. H. Anderson
and J. Gurney, and
51 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates 54

No. 3 COMPANY.

Captain Boyd Bredon, Lieutenants G. Lanning
and A Lewis, and
50 Non-commissioned Officers and Privates 53

BAND.

Band-master Le Chevalier Vela
and 20 Bandsmen 21

Total 271

The following is a list of the officers of the Corps, referred to in Standing Order XV., in order of seniority on 31st December 1888.

Rank and Name.		Date of Seniority.	Last Confirmation of Commissions.
Maj. Com.	G. J. Morrison ...	1 12 86	1 12 86
Captain	W. Bright	27 3 85	27 3 88
	C. J. Dudgeon ...	3 2 87	3 2 87
	T. F. Hough	17 3 87	3 12 88
	M. Boyd Bredon ..	18 1 88	18 1 88
	B. A. Clarke	17 12 88	17 12 88
Lieutenant	R. de Malherbe ...	18 2 85	27 3 88
	W. H. Anderson ...	22 2 86	22 2 86
	D. E. Sassoon ...	17 12 88	17 12 88
	G. Lanning	4 12 88	4 12 88
Sub-Lieut.	J. Gurney	22 2 86	22 2 86
	A. Lewis	8 3 86	22 2 86
	C. S. Sharp	6 3 88	6 3 88
	C. O. Liddell	22 2 88	22 2 88

The New Municipal Challenge Cup mentioned in last year's report as having been ordered was delivered to the Council during the year.

Uniforms.—During 1888 the number of uniforms issued was 130, making a total of 973 since the commencement of the new system in 1880. It was arranged that the contract for the supply of uniforms by the Hall & Holtz C. Co., Ltd., should cease on 31st December, and a new contract from 1st January 1889 was entered into with Messrs. Buck & Ramsay.

Artillery Ponies.—Early in the year the 8 ponies ordered some time ago were delivered to the Council. Some of them did not turn out to be altogether suitable, and it was eventually determined to dispose of 4 and retain 4 only, that number being sufficient to take 2 guns to any part of the Settlement at a moment's notice. Additional ponies have been hired as occasions required, from the Contractors who supply ponies for Municipal purposes. This system, which has been often tried previously without success, now promises to work most satisfactorily, probably on account of the number of suitable ponies available for this purpose being larger than formerly.

Ammunition, Arms, etc.—The arms, ammunition, and accoutrements have been periodically inspected during the year and found in good order. 150 triangular bayonets were purchased to fit the old pattern rifles which had sword bayonets. As these rifles were lately repaired they are now available for use in the Corps. The following tables shew the stock of arms and ammunition on 31st December. A slight alteration has been made in the form of these tables by curtailing the size of the tables of arms and accoutrements and by re-arranging the table of ammunition and referring it to the table dated 31st December 1887 instead of to the last intermediate inspection as in former years. By this alteration the total ammunition expended during the year is shewn, and it will be seen by inspecting this table that 58,939 rounds of rifle and carbine ball ammunition were expended, and that 171 rounds of various descriptions of projectiles were fired from the 9-pr. guns. The "Stadt Amsterdam" ammunition was condemned and broken up in October.

S. V. C.

RETURN OF ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION—31st December 1888.

Light Horse Equipment.

	Stock at Date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.
Rifles, Martini-Henry, New Pattern	4	...	4
Carbines „ „ Old „	21	21	...
„ „ „ New „	50	24	26
Sword Bayonets and Scabbards	50	50	...
Sabres	28	28	...
Swords, New Pattern	50	22	28
Revolvers with Cases	6	...	6
Belts, Shoulder, with Pouches	35	7	28
„ Sword	32	4	28
„ Revolver	6	...	6
Slings (black)	49	23	26
Sword Knots	30	1	29
Bridles, complete	20	3	17
„ „ for officers	4	...	4
Chain Reins, pairs	36	3	33
Breastplates	20	2	18
„ for officers	4	...	4
Carbine Buckets	22	22	...
Saddle Cloths	39	5	34
Wallets	34	2	32

Artillery Equipment.

Guns, Gun-Carriages and Wagons.

One Battery of Four 9-Pr. R.B.L. Guns with carriages, limbers and equipment complete, and two wagons with limbers and one spare wheel each, complete.

Two 12-Pr. Brass Howitzers with carriages and limbers complete and two wagons with limbers and one spare wheel each, complete.

One Blakely Gun.

Two Ships' Guns.

One small wagon with shafts for small Arms ammunition.

Harness.

16 Sets in good condition, complete, viz.: 4 near wheelers, 4 off wheelers, 4 near leaders, 4 off leaders, and 12 sets in good condition but not complete.

5 Saddles and Bridles complete for officers and Nos. 1 in good condition.

5 Saddles and Bridles incomplete.

14 Whips. 14 Leggings.

Small Arms and Accoutrements.	Stock at date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.
Rifles, Martini-Henry, New Pattern	3	...	3
Carbines „ „ „ „	50	3	47
Sword Bayonets & Scabbards, New Pattern.	50	3	47
„ „ „ Old „	7	...	7
Jags	50	3	47
Sight Protectors	50	3	47
Revolvers with cases	48	32	16
Swords for Officers and Sergeants	7	...	7
Belts, Waist, with Frogs	48	...	48
„ Officers', Sword	4	...	4
„ Sergeants', Sword	4	...	4
„ Officers', Shoulder with Pouches	4	...	4
„ Other Ranks', Shoulder with Pouches.	48	2	46
„ Revolver	48	32	16
Sword Knots	8	...	8
Chain Reins	2	...	2
Bugles	1	...	1
Trumpets	1	...	1
Burnishers	1	...	1

Infantry Equipment.

	Stock at date.	In Armoury.	In Possession.
Rifles, Martini-Henry, Old Pattern	219	155	64
„ „ „ New „	239	87	152
Sword Bayonets with Scabbards	268	196	72
*Triangular „ „ „	386	247	139
Cleaning Rods extra	25	25	...
Jags	446	200	246
Muzzle Stoppers	340	330	10
Sight Protectors	334	173	161
Burnishers	3	3	...
Swords for Officers	12	3	9
Revolvers with Cases	11	2	9
Belts, Waist, with Frogs, Enamelled	303	158	145
„ „ „ „ Brown	95	34	61
„ „ Officers' Sword	20	12	8
„ Shoulder, with Pouches, Old Pattern	169	169	...
„ for Revolvers	11	2	9
Pouches, black leather	424	195	229
Slings, Enamelled	290	145	145
„ Brown	131	70	61
Knee Caps (at range)	45	...	...
Sword Knots	17	3	14
Sashes for Officers and Sergeants	28	9	19

The above returns include some arms lent to the Police, but they do not include any arms which belong to the Police force.

* 150 triangular bayonets to fit the old pattern rifles were received this year and are included in the returns.

AMMUNITION.

DESCRIPTION.	Stock.			Issued during 1888.				Stock at Date.
	31st Dec. 1887.	Since received.	Total.	Condemned.	Issued free.	Sold.	Total.	
FOR 9-PR. R.B.L. GUNS—								
Solid Shot	4	1	5	...	4	...	4	1
Shells, Common, filled	76	78	154	...	66	...	66	88
„ Segment „	76	51	127	...	39	...	39	88
„ Shrapnell „	168	37	205	...	62	...	62	143
Case Shot	165	17	182	...	...	...	...	182
Fuzes, Percussion B.L., plain	161	275	436	...	93	...	93	343
„ Time Wood, with detr. 15 sec...	231	62	293	...	61	...	61	232
„ „ Armstrong E.	...	84	84	...	10	...	10	74
Cartridges, Service	472	225	697	...	171	...	171	526
„ Saluting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Friction Tubes	1,050	361	1,411	...	404	...	404	1,007
FOR GATLING GUN—								
Cartridges Ball	28,500	...	28,500	...	...	...	...	...
FOR SMALL ARMS—								
M. H. Rifle Cartridges, Ball	39,771	30,000	69,771	...	27,694	25,997	53,691	16,080
„ Carbine „ „	948	20,160	21,108	...	3,163	2,085	5,248	15,860
„ Cartridges, Blank	12,300	10,000	22,300	752	7,328	...	8,080	14,220
Revolver Cartridges, Ball	17,478	...	17,478	...	389	200	589	16,889
Morris' Tube Cartridges	1,000	1,000	2,000	...	834	...	834	1,166

AMMUNITION—*continued.*

DESCRIPTION.	STOCK.			ISSUED DURING 1888.				STOCK AT DATE.
	31st Dec. 1887.	Since received.	Total.	Condemned.	Issued free.	Sold.	Total.	
FOR 12-PR. HOWITZERS—								
Shells, Common, empty	72	...	72	...	...	...	...	72
„ Shrapnell, filled	134	...	134	...	...	...	...	134
„ „ empty	194	...	194	...	...	...	...	194
Case Shot	237	...	237	...	...	...	...	237
Bursting Charges, Shrapnell	93	...	93	...	...	...	...	93
Fuzes, Time, Common	58	...	58	...	...	...	...	58
„ „ Shrapnell	258	...	258	...	...	...	...	258
Cartridges	464	...	464	...	57	...	57	407
FOR BLAKELEY GUN—								
Shells, empty	140	...	140	...	...	...	...	140
Case Shot	49	...	49	...	...	...	...	49
Fuzes, Percussion	164	...	164	...	...	...	...	164
SUNDRIES—								
M. H. Ball Cartridges, ex "Stadt Amsterdam"	15,060	...	15,060	15,060	...	...	15,060	...
Skin Revolver Cartridges, Tins	3	2	5	...	...	...	...	5
Remington Cartridge Powder, Tins	17	...	17	...	...	...	...	17
Signal Rockets	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	8
Blue Lights	21	...	21	...	...	...	...	21

NOTE.—The 57 Cartridges for 12-pounders entered as issued free were made into saluting cartridges for the 9-pounders.

G. JAMES MORRISON, Major,
Commanding, S.V.C.

WATCH MATTERS.

Lighting.

The lighting of the Settlements by gas and electric lamps has been continued during the year.

Gas Lamps.—When making up the Budget the Council for 1887 provided an additional sum of Tls. 1,000 for gas lighting, in the expectation that a considerable increase would require to be made in the number of gas lamps in the course of the year, but as this was found to be unnecessary the additional amount provided has not been expended.

The total number of gas lamps is now 320, against 317 last year, and the contract with the Gas Company, which expired on the 30th June, has been renewed for another year from the 1st July upon the same terms as before.

Shanghai, 30th June 1888.

Sir,—I am instructed to remind you that the agreement between the Council and this Company for lighting the Settlement terminated this day and to say that the Directors are willing to renew the agreement for the supply of gas necessary for lighting the streets at the reduced charge of $3 per lamp per month, for the year ending 30th June 1889.

The other terms on which the Company serve the Public are to remain as at present, viz., subject to the fines as in the past for lamps being out, the labor lighting, extinguishing and cleaning the lamps, the yearly painting and general repairs free of cost, the number of lamps not to be less than the present number of 319 lamps.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHR. SCHEPPELMANN,
Secretary.

R. F. Thorburn, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 4th July 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, which has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept the offer of your Directors to renew the agreement for the supply of gas necessary for lighting a portion of the streets of the Settlement, etc., for the year commencing on 1st July 1888 and terminating on 30th June 1889 at the reduced rate of Three Dollars ($3) per month for each lamp, the other terms of the agreement remaining as at present, and the number of lamps to be not less than three hundred and nineteen (319).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

CHR. SCHEPPELMANN, Esq.,
Secretary, Shanghai Gas Company.

Electric Lamps.—No change has been made in the arrangements for lighting a portion of the Settlement with electric lamps, but in October the Shanghai Electric Company transferred all their plant, etc., to the New Shanghai Electric Company, and with the consent of the Council the contract for providing the Settlement with 60 electric lamps was also handed over to the new Company, who have supplied the lamps since the 1st November upon the same terms as formerly.

Annexed is the correspondence on the subject.

The New Shanghai Electric Company, Limited,
Shanghai, 30th October 1888.

SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that in accordance with arrangements entered into between this Company and the Shanghai Electric Company of which you have, unofficially, been made aware by a letter from the Chairman of this Company dated 26th instant, which was in continuation of a letter addressed to your Council by the Provisional Committee of this Company dated 9th July,

the New Shanghai Electric Company, Limited, from 1st November 1888 is prepared to carry on the lighting of the Settlements, on the same terms as heretofore under the arrangement with your Council set forth in your letter of 11th July.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. E. PORTER,
Secretary, New Shanghai Electric Co., Limited.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 1st November 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, intimating that in accordance with an arrangement made with the Shanghai Electric Company, your Company is now prepared to carry on the lighting of certain portions of the Settlement on the same terms as heretofore.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that they confirm the letter addressed by them to the provisional Committee of the New Electric Company on the 11th July last regarding the future lighting of the Settlement.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

E. E. PORTER, Esq.,
Secretary,
New Shanghai Electric Company.

The following is the arrangement set forth in the Council's letter of 11th July last :—

"The Council undertake to continue with the New Electric Company their present contract with the Shanghai Electric Company until the end of the year, and at the annual meeting they will recommend the Ratepayers to enter into a contract with the new Company on the basis of their agreement with the Shanghai Electric Company for the lighting of a portion of the Settlement by Electricity."

Shanghai Electric Company,
Shanghai, 30th October 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that this Company has transferred to the New Shanghai Electric Company, Limited, its plant, etc., etc., and that the new Company takes over from us, with your consent, the existing lighting contract with you.

The bill for lighting up to the end of this month, say to-morrow, will be sent in by me; after that the new Company will collect the payment.

Trusting that the Council will make no objection to this transfer.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. LITTLE,
Secretary, Shanghai Electric Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 1st November 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, intimating that the Shanghai Electric Company have transferred to the New Electric Company all their plant, etc., and that the latter have taken over the existing lighting contract with the Council.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to say that they have no objection to the transfer, and will continue the lighting contract with the new Company on the same terms as at present until the end of the year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

R. W. LITTLE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Shanghai Electric Company.

Licenses.

The native population of the Settlement has gone on steadily increasing during the year, and the license fees which are almost exclusively paid by them, again show a fair excess over the estimates, amounting in all to about Tls. 4,800.

The total amount collected has been Tls. 101,800, against Tls. 96,500 last year, an increase of fully Tls. 5,300, principally derived from the fees on opium, and pawn-shops, livery stables, and jin-rik-shas.

Opium-Shops.—A great many new places have been opened during the year, but most of them with only a very small number of lamps. The average number of shops licensed each month has been about 960, against 900 last year, and the fees amount to Tls. 29,300, against Tls. 27,500, or an increase of Tls. 1,800.

Pawn-Shops.—The following is the number of shops which have been licensed for each quarter, and the fees amount to Tls. 4,900, against Tls. 3,470 last year.

1st Quarter:	83	against	76	last year.	
2nd „	87	„	78	„	
3rd „	88	„	81	„	
4th „	88	„	81	„	
Extra „	85				

The receipts have exceeded the estimates by fully Tls. 1,500, principally owing to there having been an additional month in the last Chinese year, which has allowed of the fees being collected for five quarters this year instead of four as is usual.

Tea-Shops.—Have increased considerably in number, about 300 having been licensed each month, against 280 last year, and the fees amount to Tls. 3,200, against Tls. 2,800 in 1887.

Carriages.—The increase in the native population in the Settlement has caused a corresponding increase in the number of carriages plying for hire, and about 285 have been licensed each month, against 220 last year. The total number licensed during the year has been 2,810, against 2,640, and the fees collected amount to Tls. 8,800, against Tls. 8,100 last year.

Jin-rik-shas.—The number licensed each month has been over 2,675, against 2,600 last year, and for the whole year 32,150, against 31,450, whilst the fees amount to Tls. 34,900, against Tls. 34,000.

Wheelbarrows.—At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers it was decided that the license fee for wheelbarrows should be raised to 1,000 cash each per month, and in making up the Budget the Council for 1887 estimated the amount to be received from this source at Tls. 7,000, but as it was found advisable to continue collecting the former fee of 400 cash per month, the receipts only amount to Tls. 6,150, against Tls. 5,650 last year. There has been a slight increase in the number plying in the Settlement, over 2,100 having been licensed each month, against 1,960 last year, or 25,600 for the whole year, against 23,600 in 1887. At pages 136–139 of the report will be found a letter from the Taoutai to the Senior Consul, with reference to the proposed increase of the tax, and the minutes of what took place at a meeting with the Chinese authorities to discuss the subject.

Native Water-Carts.—There are now only about 17 of these carts in use, against 20 last year, and the fees on them amount to Tls. 280, against Tls. 350.

Cargo-Boats.—The fees collected amount to Tls. 6,000, against Tls. 6,045 last year, the number licensed remaining about the same as in 1887.

Foreign and Native Liquor-Sellers.—The fees collected amount to much the same as last year:—

Foreign Taverns.....	Tls.	1,850,	against	Tls.	1,925 last year.
Native Liquor-sellers...	„	1,780	„	„	1,730 „
„ Wine-shops.....	„	2,375	„	„	2,265 „
	Tls.	6,006		Tls.	5,920

POLICE.

MUNICIPAL POLICE,
CAPT.-SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Shanghai, 10th January 1889.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to forward herewith the usual Annual Returns connected with the Police Department of the Municipal Council for the year ending 31st December 1888.

I.—Showing the present strength of and the variations in the Force during the year 1888.

II.—Weekly Return of Prisoners confined in the Municipal Gaols during 1888.

III.—Monthly Return of Natives apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1888.

IV.—Condition of Chinese Prisoners apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1888.

V.—Return of Punishments inflicted on Chinese Prisoners apprehended by the Municipal Police during 1888.

VI.—Return of Foreigners arrested and charged by the Municipal Police during 1888.

VII.—Comparative Table of Arrests for 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888.

VIII.—Return of Foreigners arrested and not charged, etc., during 1888.

IX.—Return of Warrants executed and summonses served during 1888.

FOREIGNERS.

The agreements entered into with fourteen members of the Force expire during 1889. Of the fifteen men who joined during 1888 six

came from England; they are all men of some Police experience, having joined direct from the Salford and Manchester Forces, and I trust, after they have gained a knowledge of the work required of them here, they will turn out trustworthy men.

A serious accident happened at the Rifle Range in the month of June, when three foreign constables were there practising at the 500 yds. range; two Chinamen were shot—one fatally—the other was only slightly wounded. An inquest was held on the body of the man who was killed, by the Che-shien, whose verdict was, that the death was caused by pure accident, both men being in the country behind the butts in the direct line from the firing-point. I can only account for the accident by supposing the bullet struck a stone and ricochetted over the mound. After considerable delay the family of the deceased agreed to accept compensation.

Indians and Natives.

These constables continue to perform their duty fairly well. The post duty performed by the Indian Constables is very trying, especially during the winter.

Stations.

The new Lowza Station will be completed during the year 1889; it is a very substantial building and will accommodate all the Indians attached to the Central and Lowza Districts, as well as a number of Chinese, in addition to the Foreigners; there is also accommodation for two married Sergeants. Gaol accommodation is also provided for Foreign prisoners and about 36 Chinese; this will greatly relieve the Hongkew Station, which has proved too small for the requirements during 1888.

Gaol.

The weekly average of prisoners confined in the Municipal Gaols during 1888 was 114·23, against 95·38 in 1887, the highest number since I took charge of the Police Force; this is accounted for by the longer terms of imprisonment awarded to old offenders. The greatest number of prisoners confined at one time during 1888 was 132, and there were never less at any time than 100.

Crime.

There has been no crime of a very serious nature to report during 1888. Several hundred spurious coins of Japan, Hongkong and Mauritius were seized, and the coiner was arrested; a native detective and a Mixed Court runner were sent to Tai Tsang, where the whole of the coining plant was seized and brought to Shanghai. The coins were sufficiently well made to pass without detection if not carefully examined.

The cases of larceny from dwellings have been considerably increased by charging men and women caught stealing water.

In 457 instances out of nearly 900 cases of burglary, house-breaking and larceny from dwellings reported, the doors or windows were either left open or insecurely fastened.

Miscellaneous.

The so-called English Settlement is now, with the exception of two or three small patches, completely built over, and, as a natural consequence, building operations have been going on briskly on the Hongkew side of the Soochow Creek, the only available outlet within the limits of the Settlements. Two new factories have been started on the Yangtszepoo Road and quarters for the workmen have been or are being erected. The building formerly intended as a Glass Works is also in course of alteration. Beyond the Yangtszepoo Creek the Cloth Cotton Mill is getting well advanced, beyond this again a large tract of ground between the road and the river has been, I understand, purchased by a company who intend to turn it into a garden for foreigners and natives. When all these undertakings are in full operation the traffic on the Yangtszepoo and Point roads will be largely increased, and consequently more men will be required to police these roads; to perform this duty efficiently a small section house to hold 15 or 20 men should be erected on the Yangtszepoo Road.

During the year 1888 twenty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine Natives and five hundred and seven foreigners have, for various offences, been brought under the notice of the Police; this does

not include sixteen hundred and ninety-two wheelbarrow coolies whose licenses were suspended for overloading, obstruction, etc.

One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one dogs have been captured.

During the year, 32,180 Jin-rick-shas were licensed, the greatest number ever licensed in any one month being 2,962 in December.

The total value of property reported stolen at the three stations was $54,678.59, from which must be deducted the false reports, reports of a doubtful nature, and value of property stolen outside the limits of the Settlements, amounting to $8,149.94, leaving the amount reported as stolen in the Settlements at $46,528.65; out of this $28,726.48, or 3/5ths have been recovered.

In conclusion, I may mention that 631 new houses have been erected in the Settlement during 1888—268 in Hongkew and 363 in the so-called English Settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. McEUEN,

Captain-Superintendent,
S.M.P.

To G. J. MORRISON, Esq.
M. ADLER, Esq. } *Watch Committee.*

I.—Present Strength of and Variations and Alterations in the Force during the Year 1888.

Present Force.	Alterations.	Promotions.
1 Capt.-Supt.		
1 Chief Inspector.		
6 Inspectors.		
13 Sergeants... ...	1 Detective Sergeant resigned.	1 Sgt. promoted to 3rd class Inspector
	3 Sergts. time expired	1 Sgt. from 2nd class to 1st class.
	1 „ resigned ...	
	1 „ transferred to British Gaol.	1 Sgt. from 3rd class to 2nd class.
	1 Sergt. returned from Surveyor's dept.	
	1 Sergt. reduced to Constable.	
32 Constables ...	15 Constables joined.	2 Cons. promoted to Sergeants.
	1 Constable „ and dismissed	2 Cons. promoted to Actg. Sergts.
	8 Constables resigned	
	1 Constable invalided	
	1 „ deceased.	
4 Sikh Sergeants ...	1 Sikh Sgt. invalided	
	1 „ „ dismissed	
50 „ Constables ...	9 „ Con. joined.	2 Sikh Cons. promoted to Sergts.
	1 „ „ resigned	
	2 „ „ dismissed	
2 Clerks & Interpreters		
1 Chinese Writer.		
1 „ Shroff.		
0 Chief Detective		
1 Detective Sergeant		
10 Detectives ...	2 Detectives reduced to Constables	
	1 Detective reduced to Con. & resigned	
	1 Detective resigned	
	1 „ reduced to Station Interpreter and dismissed	
	1 Detective deceased.	

I.—Present Strength of and Variations and Alterations in the Force during the Year 1888—*continued.*

Present Force.	Alterations.	Promotions.
7 Station Interpreters	1 Station Interpreter joined. 1 Station Interpreter reduced to 2nd class Constable and resigned.	
3 Acting Station Interpreters.	1 Acting Station Interpreter resigned	
12 Native Sergeants...	1 Native Sgt. deceased	
190 „ Constables.	49 „ Cons. joined	3 Native Constables promoted to Detective.
	12 „ „ resigned	
	2 „ „ invalided	
	16 „ „ dismissed	2 Native Constables to Acting Detectives.
	2 „ „ returned from special duty.	
	2 Native Constables transferred to special duty.	

Total 334 men on the 31st day of December 1888, not including 1 Store-keeper.

II.—WEEKLY RETURN OF PRISONERS CONFINED IN MUNICIPAL GAOLS DURING 1888.

DATE 1888.		Foreigners.			Chinese.			Total.
		Central.	*Hong-kew.*	*Lowza.*	*Central.*	*Hong-kew.*	*Lowza.*	
Brought forward		10	2	...	364	2,337	244	2,957
January	7	...	1	...	19	73	7	100
„	14	...	...	...	19	80	6	105
„	21	...	...	...	19	93	11	123
„	28	1	...	...	16	86	12	115
February	4	4	...	...	16	96	15	131
„	11	1	...	...	19	73	18	111
„	18	...	...	...	18	77	12	107
„	25	...	...	...	17	80	11	108
March	3	...	...	...	16	78	11	105
„	10	...	...	...	15	87	14	116
„	17	...	...	...	16	88	5	109
„	24	...	...	...	11	91	3	105
„	31	...	...	...	12	101	4	117
April	7	...	...	...	12	99	9	120
„	14	...	...	...	13	92	14	119
„	21	...	...	...	16	92	5	113
„	28	...	...	...	12	94	12	118
May	5	1	...	...	10	102	4	117
„	12	...	...	...	12	99	11	122
„	19	3	...	...	12	98	7	120
„	26	...	...	...	13	95	7	115
June	2	...	...	...	7	95	14	116
„	9	...	...	...	9	99	5	113
„	16	...	...	...	9	86	11	106
„	23	...	1	...	12	92	6	111
„	30	...	...	...	14	91	10	115
July	7	...	...	...	7	86	10	103
„	14	...	...	...	17	80	10	107
„	21	1	...	...	19	83	10	113
„	28	...	...	...	20	78	5	103
August	4	2	...	...	26	71	31	130
„	11	...	1	...	32	74	4	111
„	18	1	2	...	37	63	15	118
„	25	...	2	...	31	65	21	119
September	1	...	2	...	30	71	14	117
„	8	...	2	...	30	74	11	117
„	15	...	...	...	30	75	8	113
„	22	...	...	...	21	77	10	108
„	29	...	...	...	21	75	5	101
October	6	...	...	...	20	80	6	106
„	13	...	...	...	31	79	22	132
„	20	...	...	...	26	79	22	127
„	27	...	...	...	21	77	8	106
November	3	1	...	...	18	83	8	110
„	10	...	...	...	15	86	6	107
„	17	...	...	...	13	93	13	119
„	24	...	...	...	16	94	6	116
December	1	2	...	...	17	92	5	116
„	8	...	1	...	19	89	5	114
„	15	1	1	...	19	92	3	116
„	22	...	...	...	35	83	13	131
„	29	1	...	...	28	85	9	123
Carried forward.		10	2	...	364	2,337	244	2,957
Grand Total		19	13	...	963	4,421	524	5,940

Weekly average: 114·23.

III.—MONTHLY RETURNS OF PRISONERS

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO

MONTH.	*Arson.*	*Assault.*	*Burglary and house-breaking.*	*Cruelty to animals.*	*Cutting and wounding.*	*Drunkenness.*	*Embezzlement.*	*Fighting and [or] creating disturbance.*	*Firing crackers and [or] burning Joss-papers.*	*Forgery.*	*Fraud.*	*Furious riding or driving.*	*Gambling.*	*Kidnapping.*	*Larceny from person.*	*Larceny from dwellings, &c.*	*Larceny by servants.*	*Loitering.*
January	...	29	10	...	...	4	...	31	...	6	3	2	7	8	5	89	11	6
February	...	29	7	1	...	5	1	9	176	...	2	4	18	...	...	90	7	2
March	...	32	11	1	...	3	1	29	...	2	3	9	13	1	3	102	4	5
April	2	42	4	2	...	8	...	17	...	...	1	7	6	2	...	113	1	2
May	2	72	1	1	5	5	...	38	...	...	3	8	8	2	2	104	1	3
June	...	63	2	2	3	3	1	51	...	...	2	2	16	3	10	94	5	5
July	...	44	3	2	3	7	1	28	...	...	2	2	12	4	1	132	3	3
August	...	53	5	2	1	5	...	44	3	...	...	3	42	3	3	164	3	3
September ...	...	29	10	3	...	2	...	38	...	...	1	6	11	1	...	129	1	3
October	...	23	2	1	3	3	2	38	...	1	6	3	24	...	7	127	3	1
November ...	...	23	19	1	2	3	...	20	...	...	2	3	11	7	...	118	3	3
December ...	...	33	10	2	3	9	...	33	...	...	1	2	14	...	1	93	7	1
TOTALS ...	4	472	84	18	20	57	6	376	179	9	26	51	182	31	32	1355	49	37

APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,

31st December 1888.

Misdemeanour.	*Manslaughter.*	*Nuisance*	*Obstruction.*	*Obtaining goods and [or] money under false pretences.*	*Property, receiving stolen.*	*Possession, unlawful.*	*Returning from deportation.*	*Riotous and [or] destroying property.*	*Robbery.*	*Squeezing.*	*Suicide, attempted.*	*Uttering.*	*Coining.*	*Vagrancy.*	*Jin-ric-sha coolies, dirty or plying for hire with dirty vehicles*	Totals. *Grand*	Totals. *Omitting vagrancy and Jin-ric-shas.*
15	...	100	...	...	2	12	1	1	...	9	...	3	...	1073	516	1,943	354
11	...	111	1	...	3	8	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	946	481	1,918	491
13	...	105	...	...	4	5	2	3	...	8	1	1	...	1120	630	2,111	361
10	...	105	4	...	9	9	...	4	...	5	4	...	...	1208	943	2,508	357
29	...	73	6	...	2	9	1	9	...	7	3	1	...	1068	1113	2,576	395
16	...	82	3	...	2	7	3	2	...	2	...	1	...	1030	710	2,120	380
30	...	87	9	9	4	6	1	2	...	7	...	...	...	934	1115	2,451	402
18	...	140	6	4	8	11	1	1	1	5	...	...	...	766	846	2,141	529
12	...	94	4	2	6	7	2	1	1	6	2	...	...	797	875	2,043	371
10	...	140	...	...	3	5	4	3	1	5	...	8	1	909	967	2,300	424
9	2	92	2	1	...	5	...	4	...	4	3	2	...	862	843	2,044	339
17	...	93	2	2	3	3	3	3	...	6	2	...	...	861	640	1,844	343
190	2	1222	37	18	46	87	18	36	3	65	16	17	1	11574	9,679	25,999	4,746

IV.—CONDITION OF CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE,

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1888.

OFFENCES.	Neither read nor write.		Read only or read and write imperfectly.		Read and write well.		Known Thieves.		Unknown.		Opium-smokers.		10 and under 20 years		20 and under 30 years		30 and under 40 years		40 years and upwards.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Arson	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	4
Assault	374	14	6	...	77	1	18	1	439	14	70	... 8	27	...	231	8	129	2	71	5	472
Burglary & house-breaking	75	...	3	...	6	...	37	...	47	...	36	...	3	...	42	...	28	...	11	...	84
Coining	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Cruelty to animals	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	2	...	10	...	4	...	2	...	18
Cutting and wounding	13	1	2	...	4	...	...	...	19	1	1	...	2	...	8	...	6	1	3	...	20
Drunkenness	39	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	56	...	8	...	2	...	28	...	12	...	15	...	57
Embezzlement	2	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	..	1	...	6
Fighting $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{or}}$ creating disturbance	311	2	6	...	57	...	25	...	349	2	44	1	34	1	199	...	93	1	48	...	376
Firing crackers and [or] burning Joss-papers	155	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	179	...	53	...	24	...	44	...	52	...	59	...	179
Forgery	4	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	9	...	3	...	1	...	3	...	4	...	1	...	9
Fraud	12	...	1	...	13	...	2	...	24	...	10	...	1	...	10	...	10	...	5	...	26
Furious riding [or] driving	40	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	51	...	10	...	12	...	23	...	11	...	5	...	51
Gambling	132	...	7	...	43	...	12	...	170	...	46	...	16	...	55	...	68	...	43	...	182

Kidnapping	17	11	2	...	1	...	1	1	19	10	2	1	...	...	7	1	7	4	6	6	31
Larceny from person	31	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	25	...	12	...	11	...	13	...	6	...	2	...	32
„ „ dwellings, &c.	1109	26	32	...	188	...	256	...	1073	26	523	6	175	...	594	5	368	6	192	15	1355
„ by servants	35	...	7	...	7	...	1	...	48	...	7	...	4	...	29	...	9	...	7	...	49
Loitering	29	...	...	...	8	...	16	...	21	...	21	...	3	...	24	...	9	...	1	...	37
Misdemeanor	150	22	4	...	14	...	9	...	159	22	32	3	18	7	81	5	42	7	27	3	190
Manslaughter	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Nuisance	1061	...	...	...	161	...	...	...	1222	...	200	...	128	...	395	...	379	...	320	...	1222
Obstruction	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	2	...	10	...	18	...	5	...	4	...	37
Obtaining goods $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{or}}$ money under false pretences	7	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	17	...	6	...	1	...	8	...	5	...	4	...	18
Property, receiving stolen	31	...	3	...	12	...	4	...	42	...	11	...	2	...	16	...	11	...	17	...	46
Possession, unlawful	73	...	3	...	11	...	9	...	78	...	32	...	11	...	30	...	35	...	11	...	87
Returning from deportation	14	...	...	...	4	...	18	...	...	...	5	...	3	...	6	...	7	...	2	...	18
Riotous $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{or}}$ destroying property	31	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	36	...	4	...	9	...	13	...	8	...	6	...	36
Robbery	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3
Squeezing	51	1	3	...	10	...	23	...	41	1	19	1	2	...	39	1	17	...	6	...	65
Suicide, attempted	14	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	16	...	5	...	...	...	9	...	5	...	2	...	16
Uttering	8	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	17	...	4	...	1	...	9	...	6	...	1	...	17
Total...	3880	78	84	...	703	1	441	2	4226	77	1167	20	504	8	1948	20	1340	22	875	29	4746

V.—RETURN OF PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED ON CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1888.

OFFENCES.	BLOWS.			CANGUE.			IMPRISONMENT.				BLOWS, CANGUE & IMPRISONMENT.						Fined or to give Security.	Referred to City.	Deported.	Remanded.	Cautioned.	Discharged.	Sent to Refuge.	Total.
	Under 50.	50 and under 100.	Upwards of 100.	Not exceed. 7 days.	7 days not over 1 month.	Upwards of 1 month.	Not exceed. 7 days.	Over 7 days not exed. 1 month.	Over 1 m th. not exed. 6 months.	Upwards 6 months.	Not excd. 100.	Upds. of 100.	Not ex. 1 mth.	Upds. 1 mth.	Not exceed. 6 months.	Upds. 6 mths.								
Arson	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
Assault	9	17	9	...	2	...	45	35	2	1	4	2	1	...	7	...	230	21	14	...	39	45	...	*a*472
Burglary and House-breaking	...	3	4	...	...	...	5	14	16	3	4	14	...	...	13	5	5	7	7	...	2	2	...	*b*84
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	3	...	...	18
Cutting and Wounding	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	4	3	1	1	2	...	*c*20
Coining	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	10	3	...	57
Embezzlement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	6
Fighting and/or creating disturbance	3	17	6	...	1	...	52	24	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	167	9	7	4	41	43	2	*d*376
Firing crackers and/or burning Joss-papers	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	179	...	...	...	...	...	...	179
Forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	9
Fraud	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	...	...	1	4	...	26
Furious riding and/or driving	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	1	...	...	1	2	...	51

Gambling	2	4	...	...	2	...	12	39	4	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	96	1	10	...	3	6	1	182
Kidnapping	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	11	...	...	1	...	...	*e* 31
Larceny from person	...	7	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	...	1	3	...	...	4	...	6	1	6	...	3	1	...	*f* 32
„ „ dwellings, &c.	17	79	30	1	4	...	167	365	127	13	37	22	4	..	51	10	248	31	133	2	49	51	13	*g* 1355
„ by servants	...	1	1	...	...	...	4	13	8	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	9	2	...	1	1	4	1	49
Loitering	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	21	1	...	...	1	*h* 37
Misdemeanor	...	2	6	...	...	...	8	9	4	...	5	4	4	...	5	...	89	10	24	...	20	11	1	*i* 190
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisance	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1216	...	...	...	2	...	...	1222
Obstruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	8	...	...	37
Obtaining goods $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{or}}$ money under false pretences	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	3	...	1	2	...	*j* 18
Property, receiving stolen	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	2	...	2	4	...	46
Possession (unlawful)	...	2	...	...	...	...	13	10	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	21	19	8	1	6	3	2	*k* 87
Returning from deportation	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	15	...	...	...	...	*l* 18
Riotous $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{or}}$ destroying property	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	24	...	3	...	2	3	...	36
Robbery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
Squeezing	...	3	6	...	4	...	...	12	2	...	3	3	4	...	10	...	11	3	13	...	4	3	...	*m* 65
Suicide (attempted)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	13	16
Uttering	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	...	...	...	1	...	17
Total	32	146	67	3	14	...	336	562	182	22	60	50	15	...	98	15	2486	137	271	10	201	193	34	4746

a 4 Deported in addition to other punishment.
b 2 do. do. do. do.
c 3 do. do. do. do.
d 1 do. do. do. do.
e 1 Referred to City in addition to other punishment.

f 2 Deported in addition to other punishment.
g 37 do. do. do. do.
h 2 do. do. do. do.
i 3 do. do. do. do.
j 2 do. do. do. do.

k 1 Deported in addition to other punishment.
l 5 do. do. do. do.
m 6 do. do. do. do.
Total 69 do. do. do. do.

VI.—RETURN OF FOREIGNERS ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1888.

MONTH.	*Absentees.*	*Assault.*	*Burglary.*	*Cutting and Wounding.*	*Desertion.*	*Drunk and Incapable.*	*Drunk and Disorderly.*	*Furious riding or driving.*	*Larceny.*	*Misdemeanor.*	*Obtaining goods and [or] money under false pretences.*	*Refusal of duty.*	*Robbery.*	*Total.*
January ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February ...	...	1	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
March	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	6
April	2	1	...	...	...	5	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	17
May	3	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	9
June	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	7
July	1	...	2	8	4	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	21
August... ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	9
September ...	2	1	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	9
October ...	3	...	...	...	...	4	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	13
November ...	1	2	...	1	9	4	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	23
December ...	...	3	...	...	...	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
TOTALS ...	12	8	2	10	16	29	42	...	8	8	...	...	...	135

VII.—COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS,

1884, 1885, 1886 1887 AND 1888.

OFFENCES.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Arson	7	...	3	...	4
Assault	491	381	414	461	472
Burglary and house-breaking ...	209	105	99	47	84
Coining	...	...	...	...	1
Cruelty to animals	25	18	14	19	18
Cutting and wounding	22	23	14	12	20
Drunkenness	133	101	49	43	57
Embezzlement	13	2	8	4	6
Fighting and/or creating disturbance.	771	532	487	415	376
Firing crackers and/or burning Joss-papers	285	146	101	242	179
Forgery	1	5	3	10	9
Fraud	50	19	10	25	26
Furious riding or driving ...	14	23	35	49	51
Gambling	415	248	137	137	182
Kidnapping	46	115	57	50	31
Larceny from persons	...	40	38	36	32
„ „ dwellings, etc. ...	1,161	910	1,042	1,008	1,355
„ by servants	8	20	53	29	49
Loitering	51	34	35	53	37
Misdemeanor	433	295	225	243	190
Manslaughter	...	2	...	6	2
Nuisance	658	956	1,411	1,704	1,222
Obstruction	156	70	54	40	37
Obtaining goods and/or money under false pretences	...	18	9	14	18
Property, receiving stolen ...	83	51	62	24	46
Possession, unlawful	165	110	111	90	87
Returning from deportation ...	...	8	12	14	18
Riotous and/or destroying property .	22	19	21	18	36
Robbery	14	13	18	3	3
Squeezing	73	70	55	97	65
Suicide, attempted	24	17	14	8	16
Uttering	8	6	15	18	17

VIII.—FOREIGN PRISONERS ARRESTED AND NOT CHARGED AT CENTRAL AND HONGKEW STATIONS, &c., DURING 1888.

MONTH.	ABSENTEES.			ASSAULT.			DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.			DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.			BEGGARS, RAGPICKERS AND HAWKERS.				JIN-RIK-SHA LICENSES CONFISCATED OR SUSPENDED				WHEEL-BARROW LICENSESCONFISCATED OR SUSPENDED				DOGS.			
	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.
January ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	4	5	9	522	168	383	1073	161	51	304	516	9	3	90	102	54	57	38	149
February .	7	2	9	1	...	1	2	1	3	1	11	12	405	44	497	946	151	89	241	481	5	2	20	27	50	34	36	120
March	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	22	26	512	159	449	1120	247	106	277	630	29	6	79	114	39	45	41	125
April	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	4	4	12	23	35	607	97	504	1208	281	283	379	943	21	68	92	181	46	59	38	143
May.....	5	...	5	...	1	1	4	3	7	21	22	43	507	134	427	1068	194	399	520	1113	50	41	106	197	48	60	46	154
June	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	2	5	5	18	23	343	184	503	1030	238	242	230	710	145	59	64	268	32	61	44	137
July	...	4	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	6	14	20	408	169	357	934	423	210	482	1115	67	69	82	218	44	71	54	169
August ...	2	1	3	1	...	1	...	4	4	6	8	14	311	160	295	766	205	289	352	846	78	23	42	143	54	63	60	177
September	2	...	2	1	...	1	...	4	4	5	16	21	344	118	335	797	196	329	350	875	74	33	21	128	64	70	55	189
October...	7	11	18	...	...	...	...	3	3	14	22	36	412	134	363	909	272	355	340	967	51	13	25	89	58	75	54	187
November	4	10	14	...	..	...	...	3	3	20	44	64	408	85	369	862	206	232	405	843	58	1	62	121	60	52	42	154
December	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	15	54	69	412	58	391	861	211	224	205	640	47	20	37	104	67	78	42	187
Total	34	29	63	5	2	7	12	24	36	113	259	372	5191	1510	4873	11574	2785	2809	4085	9679	634	338	720	1692	616	725	550	1891

IX.—Return of Warrants Executed, Summonses Served, and Proclamations Posted by the Municipal Police during the Year 1888, from Central, Hongkew and Lowza Stations.

Month.	Warrants Executed.				Summonses Served.				Proclamations Posted.			
	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.	Central.	Hongkew.	Lowza.	Total.
January	4	2	1	7	3	1	...	4	...	...	...	...
February	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	3	..	1	...	1
March	2	2	1	5	3	...	1	4	...	...	1	1
April	2	4	6	12	3	...	4	7	2	2	3	7
May	4	4	4	12	1	3	...	4	...	2	...	2
June	6	3	5	14	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
July	5	5	5	15	4	1	3	8	...	...	...	...
August	3	4	7	14	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
September	5	5	9	19	2	...	...	2	...	..	...	...
October	5	3	6	14	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...
November	1	5	5	11	3	1	2	6	...	...	...	...
December	3	3	3	9	...	...	2	2	...	1	7	8
Total	40	41	52	133	27	9	12	48	2	6	11	19

Bubbling Well Road.

Policing.—The policing of the Bubbling Well road has been continued during the year, the maintenance of the Force on it costing about Tls. 3,000, whilst the subscriptions from the residents on the road have decreased to Tls. 1,400.

The following are the subscriptions which have been collected each month during this year :—

January ...	$157	July	$158
February ...	168	August ...	168
March	159	September ...	155
April	173	October ...	151
May	147	November ...	150
June	175	December ...	156
	$979		$938

in all $1,917, against $2,138 last year, or a decrease of $221, the number of subscribers however remaining the same.

The lease of the Police Station on the Carter road, which expired on the 31st May last, has been renewed for a further term of two years at the same rental as before, say Tls. 30 per month.

Illegal Arrest by the Native Authorities.

Shanghai, 25th February 1888.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on the 19th instant a native woman, after having been unwell for some time, died from natural causes in the brothel No. 103, Canton road. On the 22nd instant the Che Hsien visited the house and after holding an inquiry into the cause of the death of the woman he ordered a man named Chun Hing Cho, and two girls named Ching Ling and Pang Sing, inmates of the brothel, to be arrested and taken into the city.

As these arrests were made without any warrants having been issued, and without the assistance of the police, it will be evident to you that the Che Hsien has acted in direct contravention of the orders given by the Taotai in November, 1885, that no arrests are to be made in the Settlement, except upon warrants duly signed and stamped by the Senior Consul, and with the assistance of the Municipal Police.

The Council will feel much obliged by your bringing this case to the notice of the Taotai, in order that steps may be taken at once to put a stop to these illegal arrests in the Settlements.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai. 6th March 1888.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th February, referring to the arrest by the District Magistrate in the brothel No. 103, Canton road, of three individuals, and pointing out that these arrests were made without warrants duly signed and stamped by the Senior Consul and without the assistance of the Municipal Police.

In compliance with your request I have written to the Taotai on the subject, calling his attention to the established practice in such matters, and have now received his reply in which he states that he has instructed the District Magistrate to "proceed henceforth in accordance with the regulation."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman,
Municipal Council.

NUISANCE BRANCH.

The Inspector reports that during the past year the streets and alleys in the Settlements have been swept and cleaned twice daily, and the number of cart-loads of garbage collected has been, in the—

English Settlement	...	26,321,	against	26,211	last year.
Hongkew „	...	17,243	„	15,460	„
		43,564		41,671	

or an increase of 1,893 cart-loads, in addition to which 4,329 cart-loads of sand and mud have been collected from the side-channels in the two Settlements.

Some difficulty is likely to be experienced shortly about the disposal of the sand, etc., collected in this Settlement, which formerly was utilized for filling-in and raising the low-lying vacant lots, but nearly all these have now been filled in and raised above the level of the roads in their neighborhood, so that there is no place left where the sand, etc., can be deposited.

In Hongkew there is still a good deal of ground to be raised, and numerous ponds to be filled in, but there would be a great risk of accidents in taking heavy iron carts filled with sand or mud across the bridges on the Soochow Creek, and the only other way is to have it taken in boats over to Pootung and deposited upon the low land there.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of street-sinks during the last two years, owing to the number of new roads which have been made up and drained, but all have been cleaned regularly about every three weeks.

A new urinal has been constructed against the old cemetery wall in the Kiukiang road, and a constant supply of water laid on to it. All the street-corners used by the natives for urinal purposes have been provided with surface cemented gutters, which are washed down twice daily, so that there is now no offensive smell from them.

The roads have been watered on 266 days in the course of the year, and each water-cart has been fitted with a very finely perforated pipe, so as to enable them to discharge a fine spray when only a small quantity of water is required.

The night-soil contractor has performed his duties satisfactorily during the year ; very few complaints have been made about him or his coolies, but whenever a complaint has been made it has been attended to at once.

The contract made with him in 1886 having expired on the 30th September, it was renewed for a further term of two years.

During the last 10 or 12 years all the garbage collected in this Settlement which could not be sold to the country people has been deposited upon the low land on the north bank of the Soochow Creek between the Chekiang road and the Stone Bridge, but as the Native Authorities have now decided to widen the Creek by dredging part of the foreshores, they have ordered all the garbage to be removed from it and prohibited any more from being deposited on the banks of the Creek, it will therefore be necessary in future to have it taken over in boats to Pootung and deposited upon the low land there, which will add considerably to the cost of its removal from the Settlement.

Smoke from Lithographic Works.

17, The Bund.

Shanghai, June 5th, 1888.

Re Property, Nanking Road.

Sir,—We beg to enclose herewith a Letter addressed to us by the Tenants of Nos. 34, 35 and 36, Nanking Road complaining of the nuisance caused by the smoke and soot from the Lithographic works at the corner of Nanking and Kiangse roads, which finds its way into their premises. We have looked into this matter and believe the complaints to be well founded. Other people living in the neighbourhood are experiencing similar inconvenience, but we believe have not yet put any protest in writing.

We shall feel obliged if you can take any steps to abate the nuisance or to represent to the owners of these works the necessity of such alterations as will protect the adjoining occupiers from the inconvenience complained of.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON,

Agents for the proprietors.

The Chairman of the
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, June 5th, 1888.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON.

Pres.

DEAR SIRS,—We are very much troubled by the smoke and soot coming from the chimney of the adjoining Lithographic Works, which at times are blown right into the verandahs and windows.

We should thank you to cause the owners to have such alterations made as to prevent this nuisance in future, by raising the chimney to a proper height such as to carry the smoke right over the houses or otherwise.

We are,

Dear Sirs,

Yours truly,

MEYER, LEMKE & Co.
H. SCHLICHTING.
L. VRARD & Co.

Shanghai, 6th June 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to hand you the accompanying copies of a letter received from Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON and of one addressed to them by the tenants of certain houses in the Nanking road complaining of the smoke and soot from the chimney of the Lithographic works at the corner of the Nanking and Kiangse roads, which find their way into their premises, and to request that you will get the Proprietor to have the chimney made sufficiently high to carry the smoke clear of them, or to take such other steps as may be practicable in order to have the nuisance complained of abated.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. TURNBULL, HOWIE & Co.,
Shanghai.

Hanging Sign-Boards.

In compliance with a recommendation from the Captain-Superintendent of Police, instructions have been given that all hanging sign-boards must be at least 7 ft. 6 in. above the side-walks.

Mafoos Carrying Umbrellas.

The police have been instructed not to allow mafoos to carry open umbrellas over them when driving along the streets in the Settlement.

Throwing out Water on the Roads.

Complaints having been made to the Council about the shopkeepers in the Maloo, who were in the habit of throwing out water on the roads, which frightened the ponies in passing carriages, and was likely to cause some serious accidents, instructions were given to the police to take immediate steps to stop this practice and to arrest and take to the Mixed Court any persons found doing so in any of the streets in the Settlements.

Wheel-Barrows.

As complaints continued to be made during the early part of this year about the unwieldy size of the packages carried on wheel-barrows, it was decided to reduce still further the dimensions of the packages allowed to be carried, and the following notice was issued last June :—

Wheel-barrow Regulations.

The following regulations limiting the loads allowed to be carried on Wheel-barrows to certain weights and dimensions, are published for general information :—

No Wheel-barrow shall be allowed to carry more than 6 half-chests Tea, or 8 boxes Kerosine Oil, or 20 half-boxes Soap 30lbs. each, or 10 boxes Soap 52lbs. each, or 2 bales American Piece Goods.

The width of the packages must not exceed 4 feet, that is, 2 feet on each side of the Barrow.

No packages however light can be carried if they in any way obstruct the Coolie from seeing clearly over and on all sides of them.

No packages can be carried of a cumbersome or unwieldy size which may be likely to cause an obstruction on the road or be dangerous to the passengers or carriage traffic.

No Wheel-barrow shall be allowed under any circumstances to carry more than 450 catties or 600lbs. dead weight.

MARKET BRANCH.

The Inspector reports that during the past year the markets and butchers' shops from which foreigners get their supplies have been daily inspected and have been always found well provided with good and wholesome articles of food.

The cattle kept at Pah Sien Jaoh have been inspected daily, and those brought to the grease-shops twice daily, and a record has been kept of all animals slaughtered at them for foreign or native use.

The number of animals slaughtered during the year to supply the foreign markets has been—

Oxen	6,989	against	6,689	last year.
Sheep	13,950	„	13,072	„
Calves	1,499	„	1,459	„
Pigs	430	„	276	„
Total ...	22,868	„	21,496	„

and at the grease-shops for native use—

Oxen	1,027	against	982	last year.
Water-buffaloes.	1,513	„	1,204	„
Sheep	186	„	84	„
Ponies	147	„	117	„
Total ...	2,873	„	2,387	„
Grand Total ...	25,741	„	23,883	„

shewing an increase of 1,858 head, compared with last year, but only 196 in excess of the number slaughtered in 1887.

10 oxen, 4 sheep, and 6 pigs were rejected as unfit for foreign consumption when brought to the slaughter-houses; of the animals taken for native use, 319 were dead when brought to the grease-shops and 38 were suffering more or less from disease.

In October 1887 the Native Authorities imposed a likin tax of 0*t.* 5*m.* 6*c.* per head on all cattle, and 0*t.* 4*m.* 2*c.* on calves brought to Pah Sien Jaoh for sale, but since last March they have ceased to collect the tax.

Epidemic disease of a mild character broke out in April amongst the cattle in the neighbourhood of Sungkiang, and in May last 15 dead and 6 diseased animals were brought to the grease-shops here from that district.

On the 12th October disease broke out amongst the cattle on Mr. Ferris' dairy on the Bubbling Well road, who lost 9 out of 11 head, and on the 18th November the cattle in the adjoining dairy, belonging to Mr. Robinson, were attacked, and he is said to have lost 7 out of 10 head besides a number of young stock, but none of the cattle in the native dairies. The foreign dairies not being under the supervision of the Inspector, any information about them can only be obtained in an indirect manner.

There are at present 27 native dairies in and round about Shanghai, containing 491 head of cattle.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

1888.

The deaths of one hundred and eight foreigners have been registered in Shanghai during the year 1887. A detailed statement of these will be found on page 62 of this report. At page 63 the deaths which took place among the actual residents are given separately (*). The deaths of twenty-five children have been registered during the year, and these will be found tabulated at page 64.

Age was ascertained in one hundred and three cases :—

	Deaths.	Adult Residents.
One year and under	13	
Over one year and under ten years ...	9	
10 years and under 20 year	3	1
20 „ „ 30 „	14	7
30 „ „ 40 „	7	9
40 „ „ 50 „	3	17
50 „ „ 60 „	2	10
60 „ „ 70 „	2	4
70 „ „ 80 „	0	2
	53	50

Amongst adults the deaths of 68 men and 15 women were registered; while of infants and young children who died during the year, 15 were males and 9 females (†). Nationality was registered in 97 cases, distribution being as follows:—British 44, American 13, Portuguese 10, German 9, French 6, Manilamen 4, Eurasian 3, Russian 1, Canadian 1, Norwegian 1, Dutchman 1, Persian 1, Chilian 1, Dane 1, South Sea Islander 1.

(*) Six months spent continuously in Shanghai are taken to constitute residence in this as in former reports. In making up these returns the separation of Residents from Non-Residents is always attended with some difficulty, and the results are, I believe, seldom absolutely correct.

(†) In one case the sex was not given.

For the sake of comparison with past years, the table of death-rates given in former reports is here extended. Up to the end of 1882, the entire foreign population, resident and non-resident, is estimated at 3,600 (*). In 1885 a fresh census was taken for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, and the death-rates for 1883–4–5–6–7–8 are based on that return, the entire foreign population being estimated at 5,100 (†).

1870	deaths registered	103	—death-rate	28.6	per 1,000.
1871	„	99	„	27.5	„
1872	„	101	„	28.0	„
1873	„	90	„	25.0	„
1874	„	83	„	23.0	„
1875	„	67	„	18.6	„
1876	„	69	„	19.2	„
1877	„	85	„	23.6	„
1878	„	94	„	26.1	„
1879	„	81	„	22.5	„
1880	„	78	„	21.6	„
1881	„	111	„	30.8	„
1882	„	96	„	26.7	„
1883	„	128	„	25.0	„
1884	„	86	„	16.9	„
1885	„	103	„	20.2	„
1886	„	120	„	23.5	„
1887	„	132	„	25.9	„
1888	„	108	„	21.2	„

(*) The census taken in 1885 gave 1,775 men, 1,011 women and 887 children; this, however, was limited to the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, and did not include the shipping. The last census of the shipping was taken in 1870, and gave the number 1,101; the population on the French Concession was estimated at the same time at 316. The figures give a total of 3,614.

(†) The census of 1885 for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang gave 1,775 men, 1,011 women, and 887 children; these figures added to the shipping and French Concession returns of 1870, give a total of 5,090.

Fifty-one deaths were registered during the first half of the year, and fifty-seven during the last half. The largest number registered in one month was 12, in March and in July; the least, 5, in April and in September. The deaths of fifty-two adult residents were registered.

Special Diseases of the Year.

Cholera.—Five deaths are registered during the past year as due to *Cholera*, of which one only belongs to the resident population. The dates, duration, etc., of these are given in the table appended.

No.	Date.	Sex.	Age.	Occupation.	Duration.
1	Aug. 14th	M	38	Officer of ship	3 days.
2	„ 21st	M	23	Seaman	2½ days.
3	„ 22nd	F	2	——	5 hours.
4	„ 28th	M	25	Sailor	9 hours.
5	Sept. 18th	M	26	Police constable	15 hours.

Eight cases of *Cholera* were treated in the Cholera wards of the General Hospital during the months of August and September; of these 6 were fatal.*

(*) Of these fatal cases one was the death of a Chinaman and one of an Arabian; the bodies were not buried in either of the Municipal Cemeteries, and the deaths were therefore not entered in the official register.

The following table gives the deaths registered in the foreign community from Cholera during the past fourteen years:—

Year.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total.
1875	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
76	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
77	...	...	1	2	9	3	1	16
78	...	...	...	3	8	3	2	16
79	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
80	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
81	...	...	...	...	7	6	...	13
82	...	...	...	3	8	4	...	15
83	1	1	10	5	5	1	...	23
84	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
85	...	...	...	4	9	12	...	25
86	1	...	...	2	11	6	3	23
87	...	...	...	3	13	2	...	18
88	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	5
Total.	2	2	11	27	74	42	12	170

The native death returns for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, obtained through the Te-pows of the various districts into which the Settlement has been divided for purposes of police control and sanitation, are given on the last page of this report; they shew a total of 282 deaths from *Cholera* (Fa-sha) during the year. Reviewing the health history of Shanghai during the past six years, that is, since the systematic registration of deaths among the Chinese was first begun, it is evident that the occurrence of sporadic cases of *Cholera* in the foreign population is always coincident with a more or less diffused prevalence of the same disease among the natives. The first cases, I believe, occur always among the Chinese. Since, however, we derive our information regarding the health of the Chinese almost entirely from native sources,

we are never able to determine with any certainty the exact degree of prevalence of any one form of disease. It was in consequence of this uncertainty, and on account of the small number and scattered distribution of the cases of true *Cholera* which occurred among foreigners, that I refused last year to declare *Cholera* epidemic at the Port.

Thirty-seven cases of *Cholera* were treated in the Shantung road Hospital for Chinese during the year, viz.:—3 in July, 27 in August, 6 in September, and 1 in October; among these there were 17 deaths.

In the Report for 1885, I stated that Drs. MACLEOD & MILLES were that year engaged in investigations made with a view to test the result of Dr. KOCH's observations regarding the minute pathology of Asiatic Cholera, the probable origin of that disease, and its mode of extension. These researches were continued during 1886 and 1887 as opportunity permitted. The material on which Drs. MACLEOD & MILLES experimented was furnished by the cases of cholera which occurred in Shanghai during these years, and in one year, 1885, with a frequency amounting to epidemic prevalence in the native population. These investigations demonstrated satisfactorily the presence of KOCH's comma bacillus in all the characteristic (rice-water) stools examined; and, although another organism, identical in size and appearance, was found in the intestinal discharges in cases of diarrhœa and dysentery, and even in the saliva of healthy individuals, still this organism was capable of being clearly distinguished when subjected to the test of cultivation; the spurious bacillus in every instance failing to grow under conditions in which the true cholera bacillus was cultivated with ease and certainty. Drs. MACLEOD & MILLES experiments further showed that although the cholera bacillus was destroyed by drying, it was still capable of growth after a period of four months if kept moist. These gentlemen failed to find the bacillus in the walls of the intestine, their methods of working in this direction being probably faulty. They also failed to reproduce the disease in guinea-pigs, as had been done by KOCH, imperfection in the methods employed being again the probable cause of failure. During the past year Dr. MACLEOD, taking with him to Europe the results of the cultivations made in Shanghai, has been able to complete the work in KOCH's own laboratory in Berlin, the final results (fully detailed) will shortly be laid before the Royal Society, but in the mean-

time I may state here briefly that the following are the main points established :—

1.—The comma bacillus of Koch is invariably present in the small intestine in cases of Asiatic cholera, and in the course of its development is associated with alterations in the function, lining, and contents, of the bowel.

2.—There is no evidence to show that the comma bacillus is a normal inhabitant of the human alimentary canal, and no proof that it is developed as a result of cholera.

3.—Pure cultivations of the comma bacillus introduced into the stomach of the guinea-pig with the necessary precautions (detailed in the original paper), find their way into the small intestine, and are pathogenic to the animal.

4.—The comma bacillus having reached the small intestine of the guinea-pig, multiplies there, and is associated there with changes similar to those found in Asiatic cholera in man.

5.—The means used to introduce the comma bacillus into the small intestine of the guinea-pig by way of the mouth and stomach, and those employed to restrain the peristaltic action of the bowel, do not give rise to appearances similar to those found in cases of cholera, and cannot be regarded as causing the death of the animals experimented on.

6.—The contents of the Ileum taken from the guinea-pigs killed by injections of the pure cultivations, when introduced into the stomachs of others, act in the same manner as the pure cultivations.

7.—That as in the guinea-pig there are conditions which favour the passage of the bacillus alive through the stomach into the small intestine, and also conditions which favour its subsequent development there,—so there is every reason to suppose that when, as in cases of cholera in man, the bacillus has manifestly found conditions favourable for its growth in the bowel, it must also have met with conditions which favoured its entrance there, and probably by the natural channels, the mouth and stomach.

So much for the modern pathology of cholera. Those views regarding the prevention and limitation of the disease, which, with little exact knowledge, and basing my conclusions almost solely on clinical experience, I ventured to publish in 1881,—these remain unchanged, and will even bear repetition, as giving still in my opinion the ground on which practical sanitary work must be based :—

"Few who have witnessed the phenomena exhibited in a case of true Cholera can fail to have been struck by the close resemblance which these bear to the results which follow the administration of an irritant poison by the mouth, and how little they have in common with the effects produced by any of the known poisons which can be administered through the lungs by inhalation. In view of this, and in consideration of the evidence now accumulated to prove the spread of the disease by drinking water contaminated by the discharges of the sick, it seems reasonable to regard Cholera as probably always the result of a swallowed poison; sporadic cases, or a limited outbreak in a community, being probably always due to a poison swallowed along with certain articles of food or drink consumed by the individuals attacked. If this view is correct, much that is otherwise puzzling in the selection of the cases can be explained, and prevention would seem to be, to a large extent, within the power of individuals. Alcoholic excesses, insufficient or improper food, over fatigue, and undue exposure, are to be regarded as predisposing causes only, which act by lessening the power of resistance possessed by the individual, or by preparing, so to speak, a suitable soil for the subsequent development of the poison; such predisposing causes must be avoided; and it is obvious that while some can be altogether eliminated, others can only be dealt with partially, according to the individual circumstances of the case. True protection should however be sought, not in the wearing of cholera-belts or in a nice adjustment of diet and regimen, but in the careful avoidance of all such articles of food or drink as may reasonably be supposed capable of conveying the Cholera germ unaltered into the stomach of the consumer. It is not of course certain that these germs can be destroyed, or have their poisonous properties attenuated, by the act of boiling, but, reasoning from some analogies, this seems probable, and so,

when Cholera prevails, special care should be taken to avoid any article of food or drink which has not been first carefully subjected to this process. Water, as probably one of the best carriers of the poison, should be boiled and filtered before being drunk. The sailor who mixes his glass of coarse spirit in the tavern with water drawn directly from the River or the Creek, doubtless often swallows a fatal dose of the poison, to the action of which his previous intemperance has rendered him peculiarly susceptible; but the same man may as surely meet his death in consuming the watered milk supplied to his ship from the dirty Native dairy. Milk, an animal fluid itself, is doubtless a good carrier of animal poisons, and requires special attention; unless its purity can be absolutely guaranteed, it should be boiled before being drunk. Even the bottles in which it is delivered at the house of the consumer may be a source of danger, unless washed in water which has been thoroughly purified. Uncooked salads should be avoided, because subjected in the market gardens to direct excremental pollution, and because, for the most part, washed in unfiltered water. I have never known Cholera to spread in Shanghai from the sick man to his attendants, but the hands of those engaged in the sick room should be carefully washed, especially when they are, as they must of necessity often be, soiled with the discharges."—*Health Officer's Report* 1881.

Scarlet Fever.—Two deaths from Scarlet Fever were registered last year, one in March and one in June. Examples of this disease have fortunately been hitherto of rare occurrence in Shanghai. The first death registered was in October of 1873, a solitary case, presenting a malignant type, and said to have been imported from Chefoo; added to the note of its occurrence, I find the following in my report for that year:—" By some this will be regarded as the first appearance of Scarlet Fever in Shanghai, but of this I am not certain; in my own practice in September I encountered a case in which all the ordinary features of Scarlatina were well marked, my only doubt regarding the diagnosis, arose from the fact that the case was solitary." The next appearance of the disease, in the foreign population at least, was not till 1882; two deaths were registered that year in April, and one case, which recovered, was reported to me in March. Until last year I have heard of no other examples than these.

Last year the first cases in the foreign population, occurred in January, when three children were attacked in one family, all three recovering; every possible care was taken to prevent the spread of the disease in the Settlement, and no cases were known to have occurred in connection with these either among foreigners or natives; of these three cases the first was believed to have been imported. Among foreigners, the next case came under my own care in March; this presented a type of marked malignancy, death occurring on the fourth day; the disease in this instance was traced with something closely approaching to certainty, to a native family living in the French Concession; the poison was apparently carried by one of the native servants from this family to his master's house. Again every care was taken to prevent further extension, and again apparently with success. The next cases occurred, I believe, in June, two in number, and one fatal. The next, and so far as I know the last, in the foreign population, came under my own care in July; this case was a comparately mild course, and terminated in recovery. Besides these I know of no other cases among foreigners during the year; had the disease spread to any great extent in the native population, I should have heard of it, it was however never even rumored to have done this.

Measles.—Measles became epidemic among foreign children in the end of the year. Writing in January of 1889, I note that fresh cases are still occurring and that the disease is widely diffused throughout the Settlement. The first cases made their appearance almost certainly among the natives. There is no difference between Measles as we see it at present in Shanghai, and the same disease when developed in Europe or America; since Measles as a rule occurs but once in the life of the individual, there is therefore no reason to suppose that a foreign child who has suffered in this epidemic is likely to contract the disease a second time when it goes home. So far, the cases observed have presented a mild type, and have been free from serious complications.

Regarding the certified causes of death tabulated on pages 62–64, I note the following:—

Among the four deaths from Remittent Fever is included one certified as Shanghai Fever. Of the three deaths under the head of Meningitis, one is qualified as Tubercular, one is returned as Meningitis simply,

and one as Chronic Cerebral Meningitis. Of the five deaths from Disease of Brain, one is certified as Cerebral Effusion, one as Apoplexy from rupture of a cerebral artery, one as Cerebral Congestion, and one as Cerebritis. Of the three deaths from Aneurism, two are returned as cases of death from rupture. Of the three deaths from Abscess of Liver, one is certified as multiple following dysentery, one as secondary to perforation of the bowel, and one simply as Hepatic Abscess.

EDWARD HENDERSON,

Health Officer.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN SHANGHAI DURING 1888.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Small-pox	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Enteric Fever	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	4
Remittent Fever	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	4
Scarlet Fever	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	5
Cholera, infantile	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Sprue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Tuberculosis, general	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Anæmia, pernicious	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sarcoma, malignant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Purpura, hæmorrhagic	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	1	3
Disease of Brain	..	1	1	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	4
Contusion and Laceration of Brain	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Myelitis, chronic	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Convulsions	1	...	..	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	4
Locomotor Ataxy	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Bronchitis	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pneumonia	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Phthisis, pulmonary	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	1	6
Apoplexy, pulmonary	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Asthma	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
Disease of Heart	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Aneurism	2	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Abscess of Liver	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	3
Gastritis	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gastro-Enteritis	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Enteritis	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	1	1
Peritonitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Perforation of intestine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Stricture of intestine	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obstruction of gall-duct	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Bright's disease	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	4
Abscess, retro-cæcal	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Necrosis, lower jaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Alcoholism	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	..	4
Asphyxia	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1
Senile decay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Premature birth	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	2
Still-born	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Poison	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Drowned	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	6
Uncertified	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Total	11	6	12	5	8	9	12	13	5	11	7	9	108

SHANGHAI DEATH RETURNS, 1888.

ADULT RESIDENTS.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Small-pox	1												1
Enteric Fever										1			1
Remittent Fever	1											1	2
Scarlet Fever						1							1
Cholera									1				1
Dysentery					1								1
Diarrhœa										1			1
Sprue										1			1
Anæmia, pernicious			1										1
Cancer	1		1			1							3
Purpura, hæmorrhagic							1						1
Meningitis												1	1
Disease of Brain		1	1			1			1				4
Myelitis, chronic							1						1
Locomotor Ataxy			1							1			2
Bronchitis		1				1							2
Pneumonia	1						1						2
Phthisis, pulmonary			1					1			2	1	5
Asthma		1											1
Disease of Heart				1	1							1	3
Aneurism	2						1						3
Abscess of liver	1								1	1			3
Gastritis				1									1
Perforation of intestine									1				1
Bright's disease	1							1					2
Necrosis, lower jaw							1						1
Alcoholism							2			1			3
Senile decay								1					1
Poison	1												1
Suicide												1	1
Total	9	3	5	2	2	4	7	3	4	6	2	5	52

Infants and Children.

Date.	Age.	Sex.	Cause of Death.
January ...	2 years	M	Convulsions.
February ...	17 months	F	Sarcoma, malignant (kidney).
,, ...	2 years and 5 months.	M	Small-pox (unvaccinated).
March ...	8 years...	M	Contusion and laceration of brain (fall.)
,, ...	3 ,, ...	M	Scarlet fever, malignant.
,, ...	2 days	F	Premature birth.
,, ...	5 weeks	M	Gastro-Enteritis, acute.
,, ...	5 ,, ...	M	,, ,,
April ...	17 hours	M	Gastritis, chronic.
May ...	4 months	M	Bronchitis, capillary.
,, ...	5 ,, ...	M	Fever, remittent.
,, ...	7 days	M	Convulsions.
,, ...	9 ,, ...	M	Cholera, infantile.
June ...	18 months	F	Hooping-cough.
,, ...	... ...	M	Still-born.
July ...	2 days	F	Premature birth.
,, ...	10 months	M	Hooping-cough.
August ...	2 years...	M	Fever, remittent.
	2 ,, ...	F	Cholera.
	9 months	F	Meningitis.
	6 weeks	F	Convulsions.
October ...	——	—	Still-born.
,, ...	15 months	F	Obstruction of gall-duct.
November...	3 ,, ...	M	Convulsions.
,, ...	11 years	F	Tuberculosis, general.

NATIVE DEATH RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

SETTLEMENTS NORTH OF THE YANG-KING-PANG.

MONTH.	DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.			DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX.			TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.
	British Settlement.	Hongkew Settlement.	Total.	British Settlement.	Hongkew Settlement.	Total.	
January	...	1	1	2	3	5	111
February	...	...	...	5	10	15	123
March	...	...	...	10	7	17	149
April	...	...	...	5	7	12	124
May	3	...	3	...	1	1	125
June	1	...	1	...	3	3	121
July	3	5	8	1	...	1	160
August	117	110	227	...	...	...	419
September	23	17	40	...	...	...	242
October	...	1	1	...	...	...	168
November	...	1	1	...	...	...	160
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	163
TOTALS	147	135	282	23	31	54	2,065

FINANCE MATTERS.

Municipal Loan of 1882.

In accordance with the provision made in the Budget, 400 Debentures amounting to Tls. 40,000 of the loan of 1882 were paid off on the 30th June last, leaving Tls. 20,000 still outstanding, which the Council recommend should be paid off next year, and for which provision will be made in the budget for 1889.

Municipal Loan of 1888.

In November last the Council advertised inviting tenders for the sum of Tls. 70,000 which they were authorized to raise by the issue of Debentures bearing interest at not more than 6 per cent. under Resolutions 8 and 9 passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on the 27th February, and the Resolution passed at the Special Meeting on the 16th July, to pay for the New Louza Police Station, and for road extension in Hongkew.

Tenders were received for Tls. 196,745 and the following allotments were made:—

20	Debentures	at Tls.	104	each	Tls. 2,080.00
348	„	„	$102\frac{5}{8}$	„	35,713.50
10	„	„	$100\frac{1}{4}$	„	1,022.50
322	„	„	102	„	32,844.00
700	Debentures.			Tls.	71,660.00

being at the average rate of Tls. $102\frac{37}{100}$ each.

Dues on Merchandize.

When the Municipal Accounts for 1887 were made up, it was anticipated that the receipts for Dues on Goods for the year would not exceed Tls. 45,000, against the budget estimate of Tls. 46,500, but as the amounts received for November and December were unusually large, the actual receipts for the year proved to be rather over Tls. 46,000.

The receipts for the first ten months of this year are about Tls. 3,500 in excess of the amounts received during the same period last year, so

it is very probable that for the whole year the total amount will be over Tls. 50,000, against the Budget estimate of Tls. 45,000, or a gain of Tls. 5,000, most of which has been derived from the increased receipts upon Imports, but the Dues on Exports and Re-exports have also been larger than in 1887.

ACCOUNTS.

The Financial Statement appended shows the Receipts for the year to have been		Tls. 495,801.83	
while the Disbursements come to		Tls. 482,980.36	
leaving a surplus of			Tls. 12,821.47
The Budget submitted at the annual meeting of Ratepayers estimated the Revenue at	Tls. 399,066.19		
To this must be added 700 Debentures issued on the 31st Dec. to cover cost of New Louza Police Station and for road extension in Hongkew	Tls. 70,000.00		
	Tls. 469,066.19		
The Receipts aggregate, including an unappropriated balance of Tls. 212.19	Tls. 496,014.02		
Showing an excess on the estimate of		Tls. 26,947.83	12,821.47

			26,947.83	12,821.47
The Expenditure recommended was		Tls. 398,854.00		
Add—Estimated cost of New Louza Police Station and for road extensions in Hongkew ...	Tls. 45,000.00			
	„ 25,000.00			
		70,000.00		
		Tls. 468,854.00		
The Expenditure has amounted to... ...		„ 482,980.36		
or an excess of			Tls. 14,126.36	
accounting for the surplus of				Tls. 12,821.47

The Budget prepared by the outgoing Council for 1887 estimated the Income for 1888 at			Tls. 399,066.19
to which must be added the sum of			70,000.00
which the Council were authorized to raise by the issue of Debentures, making a total of		„	469,066.19
and the Expenditure at	Tls. 398,854.00		
to which add estimated cost of Louza Police Station	„ 45,000.00		
and road extensions in Hongkew ...	„ 25,000.00		
		„	468,854.00
leaving an unappropriated balance of		„	212.19
whilst the statement of accounts on the other side shows a surplus of		„	12,821.47
leaving a net gain for the year of		„	12,609.28

The Income for the year has proved to be about Tls. 26,800 over the Budget estimates, in which however are included Tls. 7,000, being the excess in receipts from the Local Post Office, for Stock and Stores and Interest, and the gain on the *outstanding accounts* of 1887.

The Foreign House tax has only brought in some Tls. 800 over the estimate, but there is an excess of Tls. 7,200 in the Native House Tax.

The receipts for Native Licenses are fully Tls. 4,800 over the estimates, nearly all having produced more than last year. In this amount is included excess on—

Opium Shops	Tls.	1,800
Pawn Shops	„	1,500
Jin-rik-shas	„	900
Livery Stables	„	700
Tea Shops	„	400
Sundry	„	400
In all	Tls.	5,700

from which must be deducted Tls. 900 loss on wheelbarrows owing to the fee of 400 cash having been collected during the year instead of 1,000 as was intended when the Budget was made up.

The receipts from the Local Post Office show the very satisfactory excess of Tls. 1,700 over the estimate.

Dues on Merchandize.—The receipts from this source are put down at Tls. 49,300, being an excess of Tls. 4,300 over the estimate, but when the accounts for November and December are finally closed the excess will probably be found to be over Tls. 5,000.

Omitting the estimated cost of the New Louza Police Station and the extension of roads in Hongkew, together Tls. 70,000, which were provided for by the issue of Debentures, the Expenditure for the year shows a net excess of Tls. 14,200 over the Budget appropriations including Tls. 6,500 for widening roads, for which no appropriation was made.

The following are the principal items :—

Police	Tls.	3,500
Water Supply	„	1,000
Public Works	„	6,000
Land and Buildings	„	3,000
Widening Roads	„	6,500
Public Garden	„	1,100
Volunteers	„	3,900
Fire Department	„	2,100
Nuisance Department	„	1,100
Sundry	„	1,700
		Tls. 29,900

Deduct appropriations made but not expended :—

Lighting	Tls.	1,700
Road Material	„	3,500
Pavement and concrete for side-walks	„	6,500
Labour	„	2,500
Outside Roads	„	1,500
	„	15,700
Net excess	Tls.	14,200

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.
December Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement	423	418,614	424	408,962	1	9,652
Hongkew Settlement	364	162,710	365	164,170	1	1,460*
Total...	787	581,324	789	573,132	2	8,192
Occupied by Foreigners	714	...	712	...	...	...
Occupied by Natives	42	...	51	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	31	...	26	...	...	...
Total Assessments.	...	581,324	...	573,132	...	8,192
Tax Collected.. @ 8°/₀	...	10,749	...	10,826	...	77*

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.
December Quarter, 1887.

	No. of Houses 1886.	Rental Assessment 1886.	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	Increase Houses.	Increase Assessment.
		$		$		$
Foreign Settlement	13,753	1,063,627	13,735	1,084,893	*18	21,266
Hongkew Settlement	8,090	282,967	8,257	293,000	167	10,033
Total...	21,843	1,346,594	21,992	1,377,893	149	31,299
Occupied by Foreigners	557	...	544	...	...	†13
Occupied by Natives	19,337	...	20,193	...	856	...
Unoccupied ...	1,949	...	1,255	...	...	†694
Total Assessments.	...	1,346,594	...	1,377,893	...	...
Tax Collected.. @ 10°/₀	...	30,207	...	32,284	...	1,882

* Increase.

† Decrease.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.
March Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1388.	Increase Houses.	Decrease
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement	427	413,956	430	409,519	3	4,437
Hongkew Settlement	364	166,059	368	166,938	4	879*
Total...	791	580,015	798	576,457	7	3,558
Occupied by Foreigners	697	...	712	...	...	...
Occupied by Natives	53	...	45	...	...	...
Unoccupied....	41	...	41	...	...	...
Total Assessments.	...	580,015	...	576,457	...	3,558
Tax Collected. @ 8°/₀	...	10,714	...	10,742	28*	...

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.
March Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1888.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		$		$		$
Foreign Settlement	13,817	1,067,149	14,054	1,104,273	237	37,124
Hongkew Settlement	8,103	286,043	8,496	307,398	393	21,355
Total...	21,920	1,353,192	22,550	1,411,671	630	58,479
Occupied by Foreigners	538	...	524	...	...	†13
Occupied by Natives	19,254	...	20,286	...	1032	...
Unoccupied ...	2,128	...	1,740	...	...	†388
Total Assessments.	...	1,353,192	...	1,411,691	...	...
Tax Collected. @ 10°/₀	...	30,388	...	32,514	...	2,126

* Increase.

† Decrease.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.
June Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1888.	Increase Houses.	Decrease.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement	424	408,156	429	407,615	5	*541
Hongkew Settlement	363	164,979	368	166,882	5	1,903
Total...	787	573,135	797	574,497	10	1,362
Occupied by Foreigners	700	...	719	...	...	...
Occupied by Natives	44	...	47	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	43	...	31	...	...	...
Total Assessments.	...	573,135	...	574,497	...	...
Tax Collected @ 8 °/₀	...	10,809	...	10,897	...	88

* Decrease.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.
June Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1888.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		$		$		$
Foreign Settlement	13,778	1,068,641	14,036	1,112,603	258	43,962
Hongkew Settlement	8,234	293,165	8,482	310,426	248	17,261
Total...	22,012	1,361,806	22,518	1,423,029	506	61,223
Occupied by Foreigners	523	...	530	...	7	...
Occupied by Natives	19,811	...	20,642	...	831	...
Unoccupied....	1,678	...	1,346	...	*332	...
Total Assessments.	...	1,361,806	...	1,423,029	...	61,223
Tax Collected @ 10°/₀	...	30,861	...	33,153	...	2,292

* Decrease.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—FOREIGN.
September Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1888.	Increase Houses.	Decrease
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Foreign Settlement	422	409,266	428	405,600	6	*3,666
Hongkew Settlement	365	165,030	364	168,976	*1	3,946
Total...	787	574,296	792	574,576	5	280
Occupied by Foreigners	715	...	721	...	...	...
Occupied by Natives	47	...	52	...	...	...
Unoccupied ...	25	...	19	...	...	...
Total Assessments.	...	574,296	...	574,576	...	280
Tax Collected. @ 8°/₀	...	10,815	...	10,957	...	142

* Decrease.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.—NATIVE.
September Quarter, 1888.

	No. of Houses 1887.	Rental Assessment 1887.	No. of Houses 1888.	Rental Assessment 1888.	Increase Houses.	Increase.
		$		$		$
Foreign Settlement	13,746	1,067,572	13,917	1,129,154	171	61,582
Hongkew Settlement	8,415	299,454	8,621	311,691	206	12,237
Total...	22,161	1,367,026	22,538	1,440,845	377	73,819
Occupied by Foreigners	546	...	514	...	*32	...
Occupied by Natives	20,180	...	20,962	...	782	...
Unoccupied ...	1,435	...	1,062	...	*373	...
Total Assessments.	...	1,367,026	...	1,440,845	...	73,819
Tax Collected. @ 10°/₀	...	31,722	...	34,275	...	2,553

* Decrease.

Houses upon which the Assessments have been reduced during the year 1888, under Resolution passed at Ratepayers' Meeting, 6th March 1877.

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Reduced to	Remarks.
		Tls.	Tls.	
17A Yangtsze ...	Morrison & Gratton .	1,400	1,200	
13 Szechuen	C. O. Liddell	960	840	
24 „	E. A. von Amelunxen	600	510	
25 Kiangse	Various	840	764	
37 „	Hirsbrunner & Co. ...	240	180	
3 Thibet	J. Pariset	240	216	
1 Sunkiang	Various	1,750	1,580	
11 Canton	L. Moore & Co. ...	460	420	
25 Foochow	Gipperich & Burchardi	720	480	
24 „	H. Salzwedel	360	300	
1 Kiukiang	Various	1,225	1,105	
21 „	„	960	840	
7 Nanking	J. E. Reding	1,500	1,320	
34 „	H. Schlichting	1,320	1,200	
45 „	Racquet Court	1,000	800	
4 Peking	W. M. Dowdall.. ...	720	600	
11 Soochow	G. Oliver & Co. ...	500	400	
12-13 „	W. Hewett & Co. ...	420	360	
3 Amoy	A. B. Trodd	135	120	
18 Broadway	M. Goedman	840	780	
15 Miller	E. V. Calver	270	240	
11 Woosung	J. Brunn	200	180	

Houses upon which the Assessments have been increased during the year 1888, under Resolution passed at Ratepayers' Meeting, 6th March, 1877.

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Increased to	Remarks.
5 Szechuen ...	Mitsu Bussan Kaishia	600	720	
22 „ ...	Mackenzie & Co. ...	1,800	2,100	
34 to 38 „ ...	Various	360	420	each.
8 Kiangse ...	E. Bisson	300	320	
24 „ ...	M. Boyd Bredon ...	2,400	3,000	
7 Foochow ...	Major Brothers ...	840	900	
6 Canton ...	Various	1,200	1,800	
7 „ ...	„	600	780	
16 „ ...	Mrs. Iburg	1,080	1,200	
4 Hankow ...	A. W. Danforth ...	540	600	
8 Kiukiang ...	Lavers & Co.	480	780	
8 Peking ...	W. Hewett & Co. ...	1,000	1,200	
17 „ ...	R. A. Mowat	1,000	1,200	
9 Soochow ...	Hall & Holtz Co-op. Co.	600	720	
2 N. Soochow..	J. Machado	105	115	
21 „ ...	J. F. Pereira	310	325	
22 to 29 „ ...	Various	190	205	each.
30 to 41 „ ...	„	150	165	„
42 „ ...	Towa & Co.	450	500	
8 Whangpoo ...	Capt. Buchanan ...	600	720	
22 Broadway ...	W. Horton	180	270	
45 „ ...	W. van Corbach	480	660	
45A „ ...	R. Law			
46 „ ...	Siemssen & Co. ...	20,250	20,750	
59 „ ...	G. C. Warburg... ...	360	420	
60 „ ...	D. Cranston	360	420	
61 „ ...	Capt. Andersen ...	450	500	
62 „ ...	T. Weir	450	500	
63 „ ...	H. J. Sonne	300	360	
70 „ ...	S. W. W. Co.	3,000	3,500	
7 Miller	C. M. d'Almeida ...	160	225	
1 to 5 Quinsan ...	Various	240	265	each.
6 to 8 „ ...	„	240	300	„
9 „ ...	G. W. Stiles	240	265	
33 to 39 Chapoo	Various	45	52	„
4 Minghong ...	Dr. Williamson ...	540	585	

New Houses Assessed during the year 1888.

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Remarks.
11 Hankow	Westall, Little & Co. ...	2,000	
12 „	Overbeck & Co.	2,000	
2 Yunan	Rev. F. Reid...	540	
13 Broadway... ...	S. C. Farnham & Co. ...	1,500	
70A „	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	1,800	
6 Minghong... ...	F. Gurney	192	
7 „	W. Youngson	180	
8 „	W. Boyd	180	
9 „	V. M. Marcusson... ...	180	
10 „	F. de Rozario	192	
12 „	W. J. Sayle	270	
13 „	J. W. Allen	270	
14 „	C. M. d'Almeida	270	
15 „	A. Smidt	270	
1A Boone	Rev. Y. K. Yen	216	

LOTS OF LAND ASSESSED DURING THE YEAR 1888.

No. of Lot.	No. of Title Deed.	Area.	Registered Owner.	Where Registered.	Boundaries.	Assessed Rate per Mow.
		m. f. l. h.				
1726	1726	1 2 5 2	S. Walker ...	British Consulate	N. Hsiang-fen-lung..... S. Kang's land E. Chihli road W. Lester's Land	4,000 Taels.
1729	1729	0 9 9 7	E. Ward ...	„	N. Lot 910..... S. Hsiang-fen-lung E. Half a lane W. Lot 1730	2,500 „
1730	1730	0 9 6 2	E. Ward ...	„	N. Chen's land..... S. Hsiang-fen-lung E. Lot 1729 W. Wu's land	2,500 „
1734	1734	0 8 7 3	Mrs. E. Cowie.	„	N. Chen's land..... S. Road and Lot 565 E. Lots 565 and 623 W. Chen's land	600 „

LOTS OF LAND ASSESSED DURING THE YEAR 1888—*continued.*

No. of Lot.	No. of Title Deed.	Area.	Registered Owner.	Where Registered.	Boundaries.	Assessed Rate per Mow.
		m. f. l. h.				
1737	1737	3 6 9 4	H. S. Wilkinson	British Consulate.	N. Bank of a Creek..... S. Mandarine Road E. Wang's land W. A road	1,200 Taels.
1740	1740	1 5 1 7	J. M. Cory ...	„	N. Bank of a Creek..... S. North Chekiang E. Chang's land W. do.	500 „
1741	1741	0 3 5 9	H. S. Wilkinson	„	N. Chou's land ..... S. Lot 245 E. Chen's house Pao-an Street W. Lot 288	6,000 „
1748	1748	0 1 3 2	H. S. Wilkinson	„	N. Nanking road..... S. Chou's land E. do. W. Lot 288	6,000 „

LOCAL POSTMASTER'S REPORT.

Shanghai, 4th January 1889.

To the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit my Report for the past year.

Correspondence.—Appended is statement of the mail matter which has passed through this office compared with the year 1887, showing a decrease in the number of mails dispatched and received of 55 and increase in the total number of covers 19,122.

Expresses.—The number of Expresses circulated has been 1,561, against 1,020 the previous year.

Subscribers.—The number of subscribers at the present time is 119, against 113 at the commencement of last year.

Stamps.—The sale of stamps shows a further increase compared with the value of stamps sold in 1886-87.

1886,	Value	of	stamps	sold,	cash	2,315,160
1887	„	„	„	„	„	1,514,160
1888	„	„	„	„	„	3,982,360

The General Work of the office has gone on satisfactorily.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. RÖMER.

Local Postmaster.

LOCAL POST OFFICE.—REPORT FOR 1888.

Correspondence passed through the Office during the year 1888, *compared with the previous year.*

YEAR.	To and from the Ports.										Local.			Grand Total.	Expresses.
	Mails.			Letters.		Papers.		Parcels.							
	Dispatched.	Received.	Total.	Dispatched.	Received.	Dispatched.	Received.	Dispatched.	Received.	Total.	Letters, Papers, Post Cards, etc., posted at the Office.	Letters, Papers, Post Cards, etc., posted at the Pillar-Boxes.	Total.		
1888	3,720	1,999	5,719	140755	96,135	89,158	7,830	36,437	4,896	375,211	358,107	40,837	398,944	774,155	1,561
1887	3,715	2,059	5,774	126197	92,422	97,249	7,774	28,493	3,954	356,089	347,921	39,850	387,771	743,860	1,020

WORKS MATTERS.

A larger amount than usual has been appropriated to Public Works this year, the most important being the New Louza Police Station, the extension of roads in Hongkew, the paving of the Market lot with Ningpo stone, and the construction of three additional sheds on it, and providing an Iron Band-Stand for the Public Garden.

Owing to the shallowness of the Creeks in the neighbourhood of the stone quarries near Soochow, the contractors were unable for several months to bring down the usual supplies of road material for metalling and repairing roads, which has caused considerable delay in making up roads, and has prevented the metalling of the Bund and Nanking roads being done this year as was intended.

Buildings.

The usual amounts have been expended in keeping in thorough repair the different Municipal buildings.

Central Police Station.—The Bell-Tower at this station has been repaired and painted and a hut has been constructed on the top of it for the accommodation of two watchmen who are now on duty there by day and night to give the alarm in case of fire.

Hongkew Station.—The Bell-Tower having become worn out, a provision of Tls. 800 was made in the Budget for replacing it with a new one of Malava wood.

The present Council, however, decided to have the new tower constructed of Aranga wood, and, on the suggestion of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to increase the size of it, and it has now been completed at a total cost of Tls. 1,270.

New entrance gates have been provided for the station, and a new cooking range for the kitchen of the Sikh constables.

Bing-Von-Ka Station.—The small station situated between the Foochow and Canton roads has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired at a cost of Tls. 125, and it has been given up as quarters for Mr. BECKHOFF, Overseer of Roads, as it is not now required for a Police Station.

LOUZA POLICE STATION.

At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on the 27th February, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. G. J. MORRISON, seconded by Mr. H. H. JOSEPH, and passed unanimously :—

"That this Meeting authorizes the incoming Council to raise a sum not exceeding Tls. 30,000 (Taels Thirty Thousand) to pay for the land adjoining the Racquet Court in the Nanking Road, recently purchased by the outgoing Council, in pursuance of the 8th Resolution passed at the General Meeting of Ratepayers held on the 24th February 1887, as a site for a Police Station in the place of the present Louza District Station, and for the erection thereon of suitable buildings, by the issue of Debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from the date of issue, and bearing interest at the rate of not over Six Taels per centum per annum."

Mr. MORRISON explained that this was practically to confirm the Resolution brought forward and passed at the Annual Meeting in 1887, but as the Council for that year did not think it necessary to build the station, the money was not raised.

Plans for the New Station were prepared in the Surveyor's Office this year, and on their completion in March last the Council invited tenders for its construction, to be sent in not later than the 19th April.

On the tenders being opened it was found that the building could not be completed in accordance with the plans for less than Tls. 31,000, which, added to the Tls. 13,500 paid for the site, would have made the total cost of the Station about Tls. 45,000, or fully Tls. 15,000 over the amount which the Council were authorized to raise for this purpose by the issue of Debentures.

As they did not feel at liberty to expend the additional amount required without the authority of the Ratepayers, they summoned a Special Meeting for the 17th July, at which the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. A. G. Wood, seconded by Mr. Adler and passed unanimously :—

"That the Municipal Council be and are hereby instructed to proceed with the erection of the new Police Station for the Louza district and to expend in addition to the Taels 30,000 authorized at the last Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers such further sum not exceeding Taels 15,000 as may be necessary to complete the Station, and that the Municipal Council be authorized to raise such further sum by the issue of Debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from the date of issue and bearing interest at the rate of not over six (6) Taels per cent."

Subsequently some slight alterations were made in the plan for the external arrangement of the building by which a reduction of about Tls. 2,000 was made in the estimated cost of it, and finally A-hone's tender to construct the station for Tls. 28,963 was accepted, the whole to be completed in 15 months from the 1st August last.

According to the plans the station will provide the following accommodation :—

Quarters for 19 Foreign Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables.

" " 31 Indians (at present located at the temporary Station in Foochow Road).

" " 80 Chinese (not sleeping quarters).

Cells for 30 Native prisoners.

" " 10 Foreign "

" " 20 Beggars.

Stabling for 3 ponies, coachhouse, servants' offices, latrine, etc.

Godown for Public Works with Quarters over it for 2 married Sergeants.

After the contract was signed it was decided to add two rooms to the quarters for married sergeants, and to provide for iron railings, drain-pipes, and gas and water services, the cost of which is estimated at Tls. 3,100, so that the total cost of the station including the site will be rather over Tls. 46,000.

Market Lot.

Three additional sheds have been erected at a cost of Tls. 3,213, for the accommodation of the gradually increasing number of natives who attend the market.

The attention of the Council for 1887 having been directed to the difficulty experienced in keeping the market free from any offensive smell, they decided that the worn-out chip-pavement should be taken up and concrete laid down instead of it, and for this purpose an appropriation of Tls. 5,000 was made in the Budget.

The matter was fully considered by the present Council, and the Surveyor having reported that he was rather doubtful whether concrete would be very durable, it was decided on his recommendation to have the market paved with Ningpo stone, which will last for a great many years, and a contract was made in October to have the work done for Tls. 6,508 say—

500 fong pavement at Tls. 11 per fong.....Tls. 5,500
144 chang stone gutters at Tls. 7 per chang „ 1,008

the whole to be completed in four months.

Roads.

Nanking Road.—The following correspondence gives particulars of the negotiations with Messrs. Iveson & Co., for the surrender of a small strip of Lot 58A, for the purpose of straightening the Nanking road near the Honan road.

Shanghai, 17th February 1888.

Gentlemen,—The Council are desirous of acquiring the small strip of Lot 59A, Title deed 56, coloured red on the accompanying plan and measuring about 0*m*. 1*l*. 8*f*. 0*h*. for the purpose of straightening the Nanking road near the Honan

road, and as the premises recently burned down there will probably soon be rebuilt, I am directed to ask you to ascertain from the owners whether they will surrender the small strip required, and upon what terms.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. IVESON & Co.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 17th January 1888.

SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of this date with plan enclosed shewing the strip of land the Council wish to acquire from Lot 58A, T. D. 56, situate on the south side of the Nanking Road, for the purpose of straightening the said road, and asking us to ascertain from the owners whether they will surrender the portion required, and upon what terms.

We are sorry to say we do not think it possible for the Council to acquire the small strip, as you may perhaps remember the difficulty and the length of time it took to settle the matter when the Council acquired a portion of this lot in January 1879, and to open negotiations with the owners now could only be done by a long and expensive telegram, or to send the proposal by letter, which would necessitate a great loss in the rental from this block, and in either case it is very doubtful if they would accede to this request, as to do so would completely disarrange the land for the purpose of Chinese houses. However, if the Council will reimburse us for the cost of telegraphing, we will put the question to the owners.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

IVESON & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 21st February 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant which has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that they will be glad to pay the cost of your sending a telegram to ascertain if the Owners will sell to them the small strip of Lot 59A required for straightening the Nanking road.

I am also desired to say that if you think the Owners would perfer it the Council are prepared to pay an annual rental for the use of the strip instead of purchasing it.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

Messrs. IVESON & Co.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 27th February 1888.

SIR,—We have received a reply to our request to be allowed to surrender or lease to the Council a portion of Lot 58 for the purpose of widening the Nanking road, and we regret to say that the Trustees cannot grant the concession desired.

We enclose debit note for the cost of telegraphing, amounting to $50, which please remit us at your convenience.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

IVESON & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Subsequently at the request of the Council Messrs. IVESON & Co. agreed to delay building on Lot 59A until a telegraphic reply could be received from England about the surrender or leasing of a strip of it for public use, provided that the owners were paid $126 per month for the time lost. To this the Council agreed early in March, and on 21st April the following letter was received which closed the negotiations.

Shanghai, 21st April 1888.

SIR,—Referring to our previous correspondence with you on the subject of the surrender of a strip of land from Lot 58A for the purpose of widening Nanking road, we have now to inform you that we have received a telegram prohibiting the proposed surrender. We regret, therefore, that negotiations on the subject must now be finally closed.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

IVESON & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Nanking and Szechuen Roads.—The following correspondence refers to an arrangement made with Messrs. D. SASSOON, SONS & Co., for the surrender of two small strips of the property formerly belonging to Messrs. SAYLE & Co., for the purpose of straightening the Nanking and Szechuen roads. The strips surrendered measure *0m. 2l. 8f. 7h.* costing, at Tls. 8,000 per mow, Tls. 2,296.

Shanghai, 1st March 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—The Council are desirous of widening the Nanking and Szechuen roads near their intersection on the South side of the Nanking road, and with this view I am directed to inquire if you will surrender to them the strips coloured red upon the accompanying plan of Lot 985, Title deed 978, measuring *0m. 2l. 8f. 7h.* and at what rate per mow.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. D. SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 1st March 1888.

SIR,—In reply to your favour of this date 88/98, we are prepared so soon as the lot at the corner of the Nanking and Szechuen roads is transferred to us, to surrender the portion referred to at the rate of Tls. 8,000 per mow, being an equivalent price to that at which the entire property has been purchased.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Szechuen Road.—The annexed correspondence gives particulars of the agreement made with Messrs. D. SASSOON, SONS & Co., for widening the Szechuen road between the Nanking and Ningpo roads.

Shanghai, 13th June 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—The Council are anxious to widen the Szechuen road, and as they understand that you intend to rebuild at once some of the houses on Lot 34, registered in the name of Mr. A. D. SASSOON, and situated there between the Nanking and Ningpo roads, I am directed to ask if you will surrender, at its assessed value of Tls. 6,000 per *mow*, the small strip colored red in the accompanying plan measuring 0*m*. 0*f*. 6*l*. 5½*h*., and the portion colored blue on the same terms when the houses there are rebuilt.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Shanghai.

Shanghai, 14th June 1888.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th instant No. 88/258, we accept on behalf of the owner the terms proposed, viz., to surrender the strip of land, situated between the Nanking and Ningpo roads, marked on the attached plan, at the rate of Tls. 6,000 per mow, being the assessed value.

We likewise agree so soon as the remaining buildings are removed to surrender the additional strip required on terms to be arranged at the time.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary of the Municipal Council.

Shanse Road.—This road has been widened about 8 feet from the Peking road to the Soochow Creek by acquiring from Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co. a small strip of Lot 753, measuring 0*m.* 1*f.* 5*l.* 5*h.*, for the sum of Tls. 750, being at the rate of Tls. 4,815 per mow, the price at which they recently purchased the property.

Road to the Lock Hospital.—From the annexed correspondence it will be seen that the road known as the Bing-Von-ka, leading from the Foochow road to the Lock Hospital, for which the Council for 1883 were in treaty, has at last been acquired for public use at the assessed value of the land, say 0*m.* 3*f.* 0*l.* 7*h.* at Tls. 2,125 per mow, Tls. 652.38.

Shanghai, 20th June 1888.

DEAR SIR,—We understand that the Municipal Council wished, in 1883, to purchase a portion of land, Lots 962 and 963, measuring 106 feet by 18 feet, for the extension of Bing-Vong-ka to Foochow road. The difficulties which prevented the sale at that time have passed away, and, as agents for the owner, we are now prepared to sell this land to the Council at the assessed value.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. BISSET & Co.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 27th June 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, which has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that they accept your offer as agents for the owners to sell to them at the assessed value the portion of Lots 962 and 963, measuring about 106 by 18 feet, required for the extension of the Bing-Vong-ka to the Foochow road.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Messrs. J. P. BISSET & Co.,
Shanghai.

Lower Quangsi Road.—The following letter gives particulars of the terms on which the owners of the land were prepared to surrender the strip required for continuing the Lower Quangsi road from the Pakhoi road to the Yang-king-pang. The area to be surrendered measures about 1*m.* 0*l.* 4*f.* 5½*h.*, and, at the assessed value of Tls. 2,750 per mow, would have cost Tls. 2,875.

Shanghai, 14th January 1888.

Proposed Continuation of Quangsi Road.

SIR,—We are authorised by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to offer you a continuation of the Quangsi Road from its present termination at Pakhoi Road, to the Yang-king-pang as shewn on enclosed plan.

The proprietors will surrender the road on either of the two following terms.

1st.—They will surrender it free of charge if the Council will make and maintain a bridge across the Yang-king-pang suitable for carriage traffic connecting this road with the Rue de Saigon, or

2nd.—They will surrender the road at the assessed value of the land without any stipulation except that it is to be a public road.

The draining, metalling, etc., in each case to be done by the Council.

Should the Council accept the former alternative the road will be in the position shewn on the plan, as this best suits the roads on the French side, but should they adopt the second alternative it would be slightly altered so as to be parallel to Yunnan Road as this would be the best line if the roads on the English side only have to be considered.

As it is intended to commence building operations shortly an early answer will greatly oblige us.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MORRISON & GRATTON.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman of the Municipal Council.

The Council replied that they were not prepared to purchase the strip of land at its assessed value; that they did not consider that a bridge across the Creek was required at this point, but that they would consult the French Council, and if they agreed to pay half the cost of it they would accept the land on the terms first named and make and maintain the bridge.

The French Council having declined to pay half the cost of a new bridge, the Council could take no further steps about it, as by the Resolution passed at the Ratepayers' Meeting in May 1875 it was decided that no more bridges are to be built across the Creek unless the French Council agree to pay half the cost.

The Council then offered to pay Tls. 500 for the land, and to undertake that the bridge should be built so soon as the French Council agreed to pay half the cost of it, but this offer was refused, and the land has now been built over, leaving only a passage through to the Creek about 15 ft. in width.

Shanghai, 10th February 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., and in reply I beg to say that I am informed that the French Council do not see that the proposed bridge across the Yang-king-pang to connect the Quangsi road with the Rue de Saigon would be of any benefit to their Concession and they are not at present prepared to pay half the cost of having it constructed, but they promise to reconsider their decision should need for the bridge arise.

Under these circumstances the Council desire me to say that if Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., will surrender to them the land required for the Quangsi road extension for the sum of Tls. 500 (Five hundred Taels) they will have it made up, metalled and drained at once, and they will undertake to have the proposed bridge across the Yang-king-pang constructed when the French Council decide on sharing with this Council the cost of it.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON,
Shanghai.

1, Foochow Road,
Shanghai, 11th February 1888.

Re Extension of Quangsi Road.

SIR,—We have received your letter of 10th inst., offering on behalf of the Council to pay a sum of Taels 500 for the land required for the extension of Quangsi Road, and undertaking to construct a bridge over the Yang-king-pang when the French Council decide to bear half the cost.

We have consulted the Proprietors who have directed us to reply that they are not prepared to accept these terms.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MORRISON & GRATTON,
Agents for the Proprietors.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman of the Municipal Council.

Kiukiang road.—The arrangement referred to in the Municipal Report for last year, for commencing the widening of the Kiukiang road to 30 ft. between the Fohkien and Hoopeh roads, having fallen through, all hope of carrying out this desirable improvement must be abandoned for the present.

The houses at the North-west corner of the Kiukiang and Hoopeh roads which were pulled down recently are now being rebuilt upon the old line, and the owners of the other properties ask such extreme rates for the requisite strips of their lots, that the cost of widening the road would be over Tls. 14,000, whilst by the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1886 the Council were only authorized to expend Tls. 9,000 upon it, and they did not consider that the additional convenience which the public would derive from it was sufficient to justify them in asking the Ratepayers to agree to the increased amount being paid.

Foochow road.—The side-walk in the Foochow road between the Kiangse and Honan roads has now been completed by acquiring from Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. a strip of lot 26A, measuring 0*m.* 0*f.* 4*l.* 5*h.* for the sum of Tls. 585.

Hankow road.—The chip-paving in this road between the Shantung and Hoopeh roads has been taken up, and the whole road having been metalled it is now available for carriages and jin-rik-shas, and a good deal of the traffic has been diverted to it, which formerly overcrowded the Foochow road and made it almost unsafe for pedestrians.

Road Extension in Hongkew.

The Council for 1887 had under consideration a scheme for a large extension of roads in Hongkew, full particulars of which are given in the Municipal Report for last year, and at page 192 of it, there is a schedule giving the estimated cost of the land to be acquired for this purpose, and of raising and making up the roads.

At the Annual Meeting a Resolution was brought forward and carried authorizing the Council to raise by the issue of Debentures Tls. 45,000 for the purpose of acquiring land for new roads, and for the extension of existing ones, and Mr. WOOD, the proposer of it, then explained that it was not intended to carry out at once the whole of the scheme for road extension in Hongkew, but only to make up such roads as are likely to be required immediately owing to the extension of the Settlement.

After carefully considering the scheme the present Council decided that only the following roads should be made up this year, and at their request Messrs. MORRISON & GRATTON arranged with most of the owners for the surrender of the strips of land required for them.

The estimated cost of the whole, exclusive of draining and metalling, is about Tls. 25,000, which amount has been raised by the issue of Debentures bearing interest at 6 per cent.

Name of Road.	*Situation.*
North Shansi - -	North of North Soochow road.
North Soochow -	Between North Honan and North Shansi roads.
North Kiangse -	North of Tiendong road.
Tsung Ming - -	Between North Szechuen and North Kiangse roads parallel to Tiendong road.
North Szechuen -	Between Boone and Quinsan roads.
Quinsan - - - -	Connecting Woosung and North Szechuen roads.
Boone - - - - -	Connecting Chapoo road and North Szechuen roads.
Yuen-fong - - -	Between Seward and Hanbury roads extensions.
Seward - - - -	From near Kungping road to Broadway.

Seward road.—The Seward road from the Chaoufoong to Kungping road has been made up and metalled, and curbs and side-channels laid down along it, the whole costing Tls. 1,962.

The whole of the land required for extending this road from the Kungping road to Wayside, has been acquired, and the road is now laid out, bricked and raised, and next year it will be drained and metalled if necessary. The pond on it has been filled in, and two wooden bridges have been placed across the small creeks which intersect it.

The total cost of extending this road, which has been paid out of the sum raised by Debentures, is—

Land, including removal of graves, etc.	Tls. 2,625
Filling-in pond	500
Two wooden bridges across creeks ...	1,350
Raising and bricking	1,235
Tls.	5,710

This completes the Seward road from its junction with the Broadway on the South-east of Tiendong road to Wayside, where it again joins the Broadway.

Outside Roads.

Bubbling Well road.—The Bunding at the double bend on this road has been renewed at a cost of Tls. 680.

Jessfield road.—All the bridges on this road have been repaired, and a new wooden bunding has been constructed at the culvert near the Soochow Creek.

Bund Side-Walk.

The concrete laid down in July 1887 on the bund side-walk between Hankow and Kiukiang roads having stood the heat of the summer fairly well, the Council for that year recommended that the whole of the pathway on the west side of the Bund should be concreted, and a provision of Tls. 3,850 was made in the budget for this purpose.

Subsequently this concrete, which cost only Tls. 7 per fong, began to crack, and it was then found that in future a more expensive kind would be necessary, so it became a question whether it would not be better to pave the side-walk with Soochow granite.

From a report prepared by the Surveyor it was found that granite pavement would cost Tls. 20 per fong, and good concrete Tls. 15, and as 385 fong are required for the Bund side-walk, the cost of paving it would be Tls. 7,700 and of concrete Tls. 5,755.

As both these amounts are so largely in excess of the Budget provision of Tls. 3,850, nothing has yet been decided on, but as an experiment the side-walks of the Bund on both sides extending from the Peking road to the Garden Bridge have been laid with a composition of tar and granite chips, which costs little more than metalling, and should it be found to answer the purpose, it can be laid down instead of concrete.

Bund Foreshore.—The foreshore has been returfed where required, and six additional seats have been placed on it.

Granite Pavement for Side-Walks.

A provision of Tls. 3,000 was made in the Budget for paving some of the side-walks in the Settlement, but the present Council did not consider it necessary to have this done, and only Tls. 150 of the amount provided have been expended in completing the pavement along the pathway on the east side of Kiangsi road between the Nanking and Kiukiang roads.

Bundings.

Yang-king-pang.—The stone bunding of this Creek, which extended about 300 feet on the west side of the Szechuen road, having given way last year, it was removed and replaced with a Malava wood bunding, and a provision of Tls. 2,800 was made in the Budget for continuing this bunding to the Kiangse road, a distance of about 400 feet.

On the recommendation of the Works Committee it was decided to have the bunding constructed of Aranga wood, which is more expensive but is much more durable than Malava wood, and this has now been completed at a cost of Tls. 3,640.

Yangtsze road.—A new bunding of Aranga wood, about 100 feet in length, has been made along the Bund foreshore in front of Foggs' Buildings, costing Tls. 840.

Yangtzse-poo road.—A small bunding has been constructed on the Yangtsze-poo road, near Birt's Wharf, costing Tls. 228.

Drainage.

There is little to notice under this head, the total amount provided in the Budget for making new drains having been only about Tls. 1,500.

Brick drains have been constructed in the following roads :—

Nanking road, between Kweichow and Yunnan roads, costing Tls. 269.

Yunnan road, between Kiukiang and Nanking roads, costing Tls. 211.

Tiendong road, between Chapoo road and Broadway, costing Tls. 728.

Broadway, from its junction with the Seward road to Tiendong road, costing Tls. 351.

Yuen-fong road.—Drain pipes have been laid in this road between the Seward road and the Sin Kei Pang.

Chaoufoong road.—The brick drain in this road has been extended to the end of the Bund and the wooden box drain across the foreshore to low-water mark, the whole costing about Tls. 400.

The Stone Sinks have been removed from some of the principal streets and replaced with iron sinks at a cost of about Tls. 900, and arrangements have been made to have this done in the other streets where required.

Bridges.

Yang-King-Pang.—The new iron bridge across the Yang-King-Pang connecting the Yunnan road with the Rue Palikao was completed and opened to public traffic in May last.

Chefoo Road.—The old bridge across the Defence Creek connecting the Chefoo and Sinza roads having become unsafe for traffic it has been removed and replaced by a new one of Aranga wood 31 feet in width, costing Tls. 1,980.

Shansi Road.—In accordance with the arrangement made by the Council for 1887, with the Owners of the land surrendered for the North Shansi road, a provision of Tls. 6,000 was made in the Budget for a new bridge across the Soochow Creek to connect the South and North Shansi roads, but owing to the great delay on the part of the Native authorities in dredging the Creek above the Garden bridge and defining the line of the foreshore on either side, the Council, until very recently, have been prevented from taking any steps towards having this bridge constructed.

A contract, however, has now been made for an Aranga wood bridge to cost Tls. 6,850, and to be completed in four months, say in April next.

Soochow Creek.—The Garden bridge has been repaired, but as it is becoming rather dilapidated it has been decided to remove it in the course of the coming year and to replace it with a steel or iron one, for which designs and tenders have been invited.

The Szechuen Road Bridge has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and is now good for several years.

Landing-Stages.

All the pontoons and landing-stages have been repaired and painted, and several of the former have been fitted with ventilators, the whole costing about Tls. 3,450.

Trees.

The trees along the roads inside and outside the Settlements have been attended to, and new trees have been planted where required.

The Council regret losing the valuable assistance of Mr. Augustus White, who kindly undertook in 1884 the entire charge of the trees on the Bund, but which he is unable to continue as he now lives some distance out of the Settlement.

Shanghai, 31st August 1888.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that as I am now living some distance out of the Settlement, I shall be unable to continue the charge of the "Bund Trees" and would be obliged by your notifying the Members of the Council to this effect.

Yours faithfully,

AUG. WHITE.

R. F. Thorburn, Esq.,
Secretary,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 5th September 1888.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st August, informing me that owing to your change of residence you are unable to continue the charge of the Bund Trees.

Your letter has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to convey to you their best thanks for the valuable services you have rendered to the residents in the Settlement by the care and attention you have devoted to the trees since 1884, when you were good enough to undertake the charge of them at the request of the Council for that year, and to express to you their great regret at learning that in future they are to be deprived of your kind assistance in looking after the trees.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Aug. White, Esq.,
Shanghai.

Soldiers' Cemetery.

The Surveyor having reported that the Mural Tablets in the Soldiers' Cemetery were much dilapidated, and the inscriptions on them nearly illegible, it was decided to have them renewed in Ningpo stone, and the consent of the Native Authorities having been obtained, the work has been done at a cost of Tls. 80.

Shanghai, 13th June 1888.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that the three Mural Tablets in the Soldiers' Cemetery, which were placed there in 1866 in memory of the men, etc., belonging to H.M.'s 67th Regiment and the Beloochee Regiment who died here between 1862 and 1866, having becoming almost illegible, the Council propose to have them renewed in Ningpo stone, and as they are fixed in the City wall, I shall feel obliged by your informing the Taotai of the intention of the Council and, if necessary, obtain his sanction to this work being done.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

To P. J. Hughes, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

H.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 12th July 1888.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of 13th June, in which you ask me to inform the Taotai of the desire of the Municipal Council to renew three Mural Tablets in the Soldiers' Cemetery at the foot of the City Wall, I have now the honour to acquaint you that, in reply to my communication to him on the subject, the Taotai states that there is no objection to the course proposed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Senior Consul,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General.

To A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Fire-Alarms and Telephones.

The annexed correspondence gives particulars of the arrangement made with the China & Japan Telephone Company for three additional Fire-Alarms and Telephones and their maintenance in good order.

Shanghai, 21st February 1888.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your request to know at what figure we should be prepared to supply the material for, and erect the following lines, viz., one from the end of the Pakhoi Road near the Defence Creek to the Central Exchange, with complete telephone in iron box, one from the Central Police Station to the Shanghai Club with magneto fire-alarm, and one from the Hongkew Police Station to your office with magneto fire-alarm, I beg to inform you that for the sum of two hundred and fifty taels we shall be willing to sell the necessary material to the Council and execute the work, and will then keep the lines and instruments in order for five taels per mensem, or for ten taels per mensem we will supply all the material, maintaining the lines in sound order without any extra charge.

I would point out this last Estimate is very low, being thirty taels per annum under our usual charge for three lines.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. E. PORTER,
Manager.

C. J. Ashley, Esq.,
Chief Engineer, Fire Brigade.

Shanghai, 8th March 1888.

Sir,—Referring to the conversation I had with you a few days since about the new lines required by the Council for the Fire Department, I now beg to inform you that Mr. C. J. Ashley, the Chief Engineer, called on me yesterday, and said my tender to erect and keep the lines in order for ten taels per mensem, without any charge in the first instance, had been accepted; I should therefore feel obliged by your authorizing me to proceed with the work so there may be no further delay.

To prevent any mistakes in the future, it may be well to mention that the lines and instruments will remain the property of my Company and are only rented to the Council for the above-named sum.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. E. PORTER.

R. F. Thorburn, Esq.,
Secretary,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 13th March 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant which has been submitted to the Council and in reply I am directed to say that they authorize you to proceed with the erection of the three lines of Fire-Alarms ordered by the Chief Engineer which they understand you are to erect free of cost charging the sum of Ten Taels (Tls. 10) per month for maintaining and keeping the lines in order; the lines and instruments remaining the property of your Company.

The Council will feel obliged by your having the Alarm for the Club placed there at once.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

E. E. PORTER, Esq.,
Manager,
China & Japan Telephone Co.

RIFLE BUTTS.

In June last a serious accident took place at the rifle range, whilst two members of the police force were practising, owing to a bullet fired by one of them having gone over the butts, by which two Chinamen who were working in the fields on the west side of the Old Railway road were wounded.

On being taken to the Shantung road Hospital, it was found that one of the men had only been grazed by the bullet, but the other, who was dangerously wounded in the groin, died in the course of the afternoon.

After considerable delay the family of the deceased agreed to accept $500 as compensation for the accident, and in order to prevent in future any recurrence of a similar accident it was decided to increase the height of the butts to 40 feet, and the width to 238, which has now been done at a cost of Tls. 2,536.

Land for Storing Road Material.

Shanghai, 1st February 1888.

Sir,—I beg to enclose translation of a letter which I have received from the Mixed Court Magistrate relating to an alleged encroachment by employés of the Council upon Chinese Government property.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

[*Translation.*]

Shanghai, 30th January 1888.

Sir,—I have just received a note from Captain Li, of the General's Right Division, to the effect that there is a building site belonging to the army at Ts'ao Chia Tu, in the 8th Division of the 28th parish, on which the Municipal Council is shooting stones for use in making roads. As this is public land belonging to the army, the captain fears that rights may be encroached upon in such wise as to bring down a demand for explanation from his superiors, and he begs me to move you to request the Council to move their things elsewhere.

I beg therefore that you will favour me with a note to the Municipal Council in the sense indicated, requesting them to remove the stones and abstain from any encroachment. A reply will oblige.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Ts'ai,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

To P. J. Hughes, Esq.,
Senior Consul
and H.B.M. Consul-General.

Shanghai, 8th February 1888.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing translation of a despatch from the Mixed Court Magistrate complaining of the Council having deposited road material upon Chinese Government building site, and requesting that it may be removed elsewhere.

The Magistrate's letter has been submitted to the Surveyor, who states that the land referred to has been used for a great many years for storing the granite chips required for repairing the Jessfield and other outside roads, to which no objection has ever been made.

I have now to request that you will inform the Magistrate that the Council have no wish or intention to encroach on land which does not belong to them, but as the lot in question is very conveniently situated for storing road material, they will feel much obliged if they are still allowed to use it for this purpose, and they are prepared either to pay a rent for it or to purchase it at a fair value.

I enclose you a plan showing the position of the lot which is situated on the Soochow Creek near Jessfield, and measures 0*m.* 6*f.* 3*l.* 7*h.*

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 2nd March 1888.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of 8th February on the subject of the site at Jessfield used for storing road materials, the substance of which I communicated to the Mixed Court Magistrate, I have now received his reply, which is to the following effect :—

"Captain Li states that as the Council are prepared to hand back the land when required for use, he has no objection to meeting their views by leasing it to them. He requests me to ask you therefore to move the Municipal Council to reckon up the rent due for past years, the rent to be collected henceforward annually, it being understood that the site is to be handed back when required.

"I have the honour accordingly to request you to inform the Municipal Council of the above, so that they may come to an arrangement as regards the annual rent, and pay the total of arrears now due. I shall be obliged by an early reply, so that I may communicate with Captain Li."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Consul-General.

A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 7th March 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant which has been submitted to the Council and in reply I beg to say that they will agree to the Chinese Government land referred to being assessed at one hundred taels (Tls. 100) per *mow*, which will make the portion used by them for storing road material worth about sixty-three taels (Tls. 63) and they are prepared to pay a rental of Five Taels (Tls 5) per annum for it, with Fifty Taels (Tls. 50) as arrears of rent for the ten years during which they have had the use of it.

This they consider a liberal offer, as they must give up the land whenever they are called upon to do so, and it is used by the Chinese generally as well as by themselves.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 20th March 1888.

SIR,—The Mixed Court Magistrate informs me that the terms proposed in your letter of 7th March for the rental of the Government ground at Jessfield are accepted by Captain Li, who begs that you will send him a memorandum containing a stipulation that the ground is to be returned when required for Government use. The Magistrate requests that the rent be sent to his office for transmission.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Senior Consul,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

SHANGHAI, *January* 10*th*, 1889.

To the WORKS COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to forward you the report of the working of this department for the year ending the 31st December 1888.

BRIDGES.—A new bridge, 31 feet wide, has been constructed in Aranga wood across the Defence Creek, to connect the Chefoo and Sinza Roads.

Two small Malava hardwood bridges have been erected on the Seward Road extension.

The iron bridge over the Yang-king-pang connecting the Yunnan Road with the Rue Palikao was opened for traffic in May last.

The bridges over the Defence, Hongkew, Soochow, Yang-king-pang and Yangtsze-poo Creeks have been painted and repaired from time to time as required.

BUILDINGS.—A new Police Station is being built at the back of th Racquet Court for the Louza District.

Alterations and repairs have been made to the Artillery Stables, which now accommodate nine ponies.

A new Bell-Tower has been erected in the Hongkew Station yard.

The Police Stations and other Municipal buildings have been kept in repair.

BUNDINGS.—A new bunding has been constructed to the Sungkiang Road, between Szechuen and Yangtsze Roads, in Soochow granite; and in Aranga wood between Kiangse and Szechuen Roads.

About ten chang of Aranga wood bunding has been constructed to the Yangtsze Road, near Sungkiang Road.

Dwarf bundings have been erected on the Yangtsze-poo Road, near Birt's Wharf ; at the Peking Road near Public Garden ; and at the end of the Yuen-fong Road.

CEMETERIES.—The Pootung Cemetery has been turfed, and old tombstones have been repaired and set in position.

The old bamboo fence along the western boundary of the New Cemetery has been removed and replaced by a substantial wooden fence.

A portion of the Old Cemetery wall in the Kiukiang Road has been rebuilt.

The Chapels and Lodges in the New, Pootung and Old Cemeteries have been repaired, painted, etc.

CEMETERIES.—The following statement shows the burials in the New and Pootung Cemeteries from 1st January to 31st December 1888, as compared with preceding years:—

	1ST QUARTER. *Jan., Feb. & Mar.*					2ND QUARTER. *April, May & June.*					3RD QUARTER. *July, Aug. & Sept.*					4TH QUARTER. *Oct., Nov. & Dec.*					Grand Total.
			Children.					Children.					Children.					Children.			
	Men.	Women.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
1868	Commencing from 27th June.				...	1	...	...	...	1	4	2	2	1	9	5	...	...	...	5	15
1869	7	1	1	...	9	2	...	...	1	3	12	2	4	1	19	6	4	2	...	12	43
1870	4	...	1	2	7	5	1	...	...	6	3	2	3	1	9	5	2	...	1	8	30
1871	5	1	...	...	6	2	1	...	...	3	6	...	2	5	13	8	2	...	2	12	34
1872	3	1	...	...	4	6	1	...	1	8	11	...	1	...	12	5	1	...	1	7	31
1873	12	1	...	...	13	5	2	1	...	8	5	1	1	...	7	7	2	2	...	11	39
1874	9	1	2	...	12	3	...	3	...	6	14	5	1	4	24	10	...	3	1	14	56
1875	5	2	3	...	10	6	1	...	...	7	10	...	1	1	12	14	2	1	...	17	46

1876	7	...	1	3	11	12	...	1	1	14	18	2	1	1	22	14	1	2	...	17	64
1877	15	...	1	...	16	12	...	...	1	13	25	1	2	2	30	18	3	3	1	25	84
1878	14	1	...	...	15	13	2	2	1	18	29	1	2	5	37	18	4	4	...	26	96
1879	6	...	1	2	9	15	...	3	3	21	21	3	5	2	31	13	1	2	3	19	80
1880	10	1	1	...	12	13	2	2	...	17	10	2	1	2	15	17	3	2	1	23	67
1881	14	3	1	2	20	8	3	2	2	15	22	9	3	5	39	23	9	...	1	33	107
1882	11	2	1	...	14	13	2	2	5	22	17	4	5	1	27	18	7	3	2	30	93
1883	19	5	4	4	32	17	2	2	1	22	46	6	2	1	55	14	2	3	2	21	130
1884	12	2	5	3	22	10	1	2	...	13	15	...	2	5	22	14	2	2	1	19	76
1885	13	2	6	2	23	6	3	1	4	14	20	4	...	7	31	24	4	1	...	29	97
1886	12	3	6	4	25	14	5	4	1	24	26	6	...	1	33	27	6	4	6	43	125
1887	12	3	3	4	22	10	2	3	1	16	36	9	3	8	56	21	2	2	3	28	122
1888	15	2	5	2	24	8	4	5	2	19	22	2	2	4	30	19	3	2	2	26	99

Drainage.—The brick drain in the Nankin Road has been extended from Kweichow to Yunnan Road, and a subsidiary drain laid to the New Louza Station.

Brick drains have been constructed in the Tiendong Road, between Woosung and Seward Roads; and between Chapoo and Woosung Roads.

A brick drain has been built in the Broadway, between Seward and Tiendong Roads.

Owing to the silting of the foreshore, the drains to the Chaou-foong and Yuen-fong Roads have been extended to low-water line.

In place of the old brick and stone covers to the sinks, iron gratings, frames and covers have been substituted in various parts of the Hankow, Kiukiang, Kiangse, Nankin and Foochow roads.

Extra sinks have been built during the past year, the necessary alterations being made to old sinks where required.

The drain-pipes in the Yunnan Road, between Nankin and Kiukiang Roads, have been relaid to suit new drain in the Nankin Road.

The following schedules show where brick and pipe drains have been laid during the past year with the sizes, gradients, etc.

BRICK

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	Length in feet.	Size.	Shape.
English	Nankin ...	Between Kweichow and Yunnan Roads	243	2.3″×1.6″	Egg
„	Yunnan ...	North of Nankin Road ...	265	1.6×1.0	„
Hongkew	Broadway...	Between Seward and Tiendong Roads	300	2.3×1.6	„
„	Chaou-foong	Extended across foreshore...	45	3.0×2.0	„
„	Tiendong ...	Between Woosung and Seward Roads	394	2.3×1.6	„
„	„	Between Chapoo and Woosung Roads	313	2.3×1.6	„
			1,560		

PIPE

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	12-inch.		9-inch.	
			Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.
English	Canton ...	Near Bing-vong-ka... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Chefoo ...	Corner of Chekiang Road...	2	...	...	...
„	Chekiang ...	„ Canton Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Foochow ...	„ Kiangse Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Fuhkien ...	„ Hankow Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Hankow ...	Near Honan and Kiangse Roads	...	...	...	...
„	Hoopeh ...	... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Kiukiang ...	Near Kiangse Road... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Kiangsi ...	„ Hankow Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Kwangse ...	Corner of Chefoo Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Kweichow...	„ „ „ ...	...	...	...	...
„	Lloyd ...	„ „ „ ...	...	...	...	...
„	Museum ...	Near Pekin Road	...	...	...	...
„	Nankin ...	„ Yangtsze and Kweichow Roads	...	...	5	1
„	Ningpo ...	... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Pekin... ...	... ...	...	...	17	3
„	Shansi ...	North of Pekin Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Soochow ...	Corner of Yuen-ming-yuen Road	...	...	...	...
„	Sungkiang...	... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Szechuen ...	... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Tientsin ...	Near Chekiang Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Yangtsze ...	... ...	...	...	2	...
„	Yee-sing-ka.	Alley off Nankin Road ...	58	4	39	5
„	Yunnan ...	Near Kiukiang Road ...	...	...	1	...
„	Municipal Buildings	... ...	...	...	...	...
		Carried forward...	60	4	64	9

DRAINS.

Average Gradient.	Where Discharge.	Number of M.-holes.	Number of Sinks.	Plan.
1 in 480	Chekiang Road sewer	3	3	D 46
1 „ 480	Nankin Road sewer	2	3	D 29
1 „ 480	... ...	4	6	D 96
1 „ 480	Whangpoo River	—	—	——
1 „ 240	Woosung Road sewer	4	8	D 106
1 „ 240	Chapoo Road sewer	2	6	D 105
		15	26	

DRAINS.

6-inch. Pipes.	6-inch. Bends.	4-inch. Pipes.	4-inch. Bends.	Average Gradient.	Number of M.-hls.	Number of Sinks.	Where Discharge.	Plan.
...	...	8	...	240 to 480	...	...	Sink connection ...	D 130
...	...	1	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
2	...	4	1	„	...	...	... ...	„
3	1	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
1	1	5	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
12	3	..	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
3	...	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
35	...	4	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
...	2	6	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
...	...	9	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
...	...	3	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
...	...	2	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
34	1	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
3	2	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
...	...	12	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
98	27	35	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
16	...	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
3	1	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
7	...	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
3	...	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
2	1	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
1	1	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
13	...	...	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
31	...	9	...	„	...	...	... ...	„
49	8	58	3	„	...	...	... ...	„
316	48	156	4		...	...		

PIPE

Settlement.	Roads.	Portion.	12-inch.		9-inch.	
			Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.
		Brought forward...	60	4	64	9
English	Market Lot.	... ...	280	18	...	...
„	PublicGarden	... ...	...	...	...	...
Hongkew	North Soochow...	Between North Honan and Woosung Roads... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Seward ...	Near Tiendong Road ...	...	...	...	...
„	Taiping ...	„ Whangpoo River ...	...	...	...	...
„	Tiendong ...	Between Woosung and Seward Roads	...	...	...	...
„	Woosung ...	Near Rifle Range	50	...	30	...
„	Yuen-fong...	North of Seward Road ...	147	4	...	...
„	Yangtsze-poo	... ...	...	...	...	...
Outside Roads.	Bubbling Well ...	Across gateways	64	1	51	...
„	Carter ...	... ...	50	..	23	...
„	Jessfield ...	... ...	34	...	...	...
„	Markham ...	... ...	150	4	...	...
„	New Cemetery...	... ...	...	...	...	...
„	Siccawei ...	... ...	1	...	...	...
„	Sinza ...	Across gateways	16	...	...	...
			852	31	168	9

Total Number of drain-pipes

DRAINS.

6-inch.		4-inch.		Average Gradient.	Number of		Where Discharge.	Plan.
Pipes.	Bends.	Pipes.	Bends.		M.-hls.	Sinks.		
316	48	156	4		...	...		
...	...	100	...	240 to 480	6	18	... ...	D 131
8	...	2	...	"	...	...	... ...	"
125	...	...	...	"	...	12	Soochow Creek ...	"
18	...	...	...	"	...	2	Sink connection ...	"
5	...	...	...	"	...	2	... ...	"
22	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	"
20	...	...	...	"	...	4	Tidal Creek ...	"
40	...	...	...	"	7	6	Seward Road sewer	"
55	...	...	...	"	...	2	Sink connection ...	"
21	...	3	...	"	...	...	... ...	"
...	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
...	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
33	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
98	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
...	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
16	...	...	...	"	...	...	... ...	—
777	48	261	4		13	46		

laid: 2,150 or *Feet.* 4,300.

FORESHORE.—The grass plots on the Bund foreshore have been re-turfed in places, the grass cut and weeded, and the wooden stanchions painted.

Six additional seats have been placed on the Bund foreshore, between Pekin and Kiukiang Roads.

LANDING ACCOMMODATION.—The pontoons at the end of the Canton, Hankow, Nankin, Foochow and Kiukiang Roads and in front of Messrs. Russell & Co.'s and the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s premises have been thoroughly repaired and painted.

The bridges and jetties to the different pontoons have been repaired and painted.

The Chaou-foong Road jetty has been repaired.

LATRINES AND URINALS.—Urinals have been made for the convenience of Natives in several of the alleyways off the main streets.

At the request of the Mixed Court Magistrate urinals were made in the Courtyard similar to those in the public streets.

MARKET LOT.—An additional market-shed has been built, and the roadways between the three sheds have been roofed in.

Extra sinks have been built and drain-pipes laid to the new shed.

A contract has been made for paving the whole of the Market Lot with Ningpo stone.

PUBLIC GARDEN.—An iron band-stand with platform and terrace is being erected.

The gates, seats and lamp-pillars have been painted. The paths and slope have been kept in order.

RIFLE BUTTS.—The Butt is being raised with mud to a height of forty feet, and the width of base is being increased to eighty feet.

A hut is being erected for the markers at the southern side of the Butt, which will be protected from stray shots by a small mound in front.

Repairs have been made to the targets and range when necessary.

ROADS.—The following roads have been chip-paved, curbed and side-channelled, and metalled :—

CHIP-PAVED.

Broadway,—Footpaths, from Whangpoo to Seward Road.

Canton Road,—Between Bing-vong-ka and Chekiang Roads, footpaths relaid.

Canton Road,—Footpath, north side, from Kwangse to Defence Road.

Chapoo Road,—Footpath, west side, from North Soochow to Woo-chang Road.

Chekiang Road,—Between Pakhoi and Sungkiang Roads, relaid.

Fuhkien Road,—Between Pekin and Sungkiang Roads, relaid.

Honan Road.—Between Canton and Foochow Roads, relaid.

Kwangse Road,—Between Canton and Pakhoi Roads, Footpaths relaid.

Newchwang Road,—Between Chekiang and Kwangse Roads, Footpaths relaid.

Pekin Road,—Footpaths, north side, between Kweichow and Defence Roads.

Pekin Road,—Between Shansi and Chekiang Roads, relaid.

Seward Road,—Footpaths, between Hongkew Creek and Yuen-fong Road, north side.

Seward Road,—Footpaths, between Yuen-fong and Hwa-kee Road.

Shanse Road,—Between Pekin and Tientsin Roads, relaid.

Shanse Road,—Between Pekin Road and Soochow Creek.

Shantung Road,—Between Canton and Sungkiang Roads, relaid.

Swatow Road,—Footpaths, between Yunnan and Defence Roads.

Szechuen Road,—Footpaths, between Pekin and Nankin Roads.

Tiendong Road,—Between Seward and Woosung Roads, Foot-paths, south side.

Tiendong Road,—Between Seward and Chapoo Roads.

Tiendong Road,—Between North Szechuen and North Honan Roads.

Whangpoo Road,—Footpaths, north side, between Woosung and Astor Roads.

Granite pavement has been laid to footpath on east side of Kiangse Koad, between Nankin and Kiukiang Roads.

Curbed and Side-channelled.

Amoy Road,—From Kweichow to Defence Road.

Boone Road,—From Woosung to Chapoo Road.

Boone Road,—East of Miller Road.

Broadway,—Near Chaou-foong Road.

Defence Road,—From Nankin to Canton Road, east side.

Hankow Road,—From Fuhkien to Shantung Road.

Kwangse Road,—From Ningpo to Tientsin Road.

Kwangse Road,—From Pakhoi to Canton Road.

North Soochow Road,—From North Honan to Woosung Road, north side.

Pekin Road,—From Honan to Chekiang Road, relaid.

Shansi Road,—From Pekin to Tientsin Road, relaid.

Shansi Road,—From Pekin Road to Soochow Creek.

Swatow Road,—From Yunnan to Defence Road.

Soochow Road,—From Yuen-ming-yuen to Honan Road, south side.

Tiendong Road,—From Broadway to Whangpoo Road.

Tiendong Road,—Near North Kiangse Road, south side.

Woosung Road,—Near Rifle Butts.

Yuen-fong Road,—From Seward Road to Sin-kei-pang Creek.

Metalled.

Amoy Road,—From Kweichow to Defence Road.

Boone Road,—From Chapoo to Woosung Road.

Broadway,—From Dixwell to Yangtsze-poo Road.

Canton Road,—From Bing-vong-ka to Kwangse Road.

Chapoo Road,—From North Soochow to Woochang Road.

Defence Road,—From Foochow to Hankow Road.

Foochow Road,—From Honan to Hoopeh Road.

Hanbury Road,—From Nanzing Road to Hongkew Creek.

Hankow Road,—From Shantung to Chekiang Road.

Kiangse Road,—From Sungkiang to Canton Road.

Kiangse Road.—From Pekin to Soochow Road.

Kwangse Road,—From Canton to Pakhoi Road.

Kwangse Road,—From Ningpo to Tientsin Road.
Kweichow Road,—From Pekin to Amoy Road.
Kweichow Road,—From Nankin to Kiukiang Road.
Nankin Road,—From Yangtsze to Fuhkien Road.
Nanzing Road,—From Boone to Hanbury Road.
Newchwang Road,—From Chekiang to Kwangse Road.
North Honan Road,—From North Soochow to Tiendong Road.
North Soochow Road,—From Woosung to North Honan Road.
Szechuen Road,—From Canton to Sungkiang Road.
Sungkiang Road,—From Szechuen to Yangtsze Road.
Woosung Road,—Near Rifle Butts.
Yangtsze Road,—From Pekin to Kiukiang Road.
Yangtsze-poo Road,—From 'Wayside' to Birt's Wharf.
Yuen-fong Road,—Near Whangpoo River.
Yuen-fong Road,—From Seward Road to Sin-kei-pang Creek.
Yunnan Road,—From Nankin to Hankow Road.

The roads, footpaths, chip-paving, curbs and side-channels have been kept in repair.

The Seward Road has been continued from Kung-ping Road to the Broadway near 'Wayside.' A contract has been made for raising the road with mud.

Contracts have also been entered into for metalling and laying curb and side-channel in the Seward Road, between Chaou-foong and Kung-ping Roads; and in Kung-ping Road from Seward Road to Broadway.

Road Extensions—Hongkew.

Arrangements have been made during the past year to carry through several of the proposed Road extensions for developing the Hongkew Settlement, (referred to on pages 192-195 of Report for 1887) as follows :—

North Shanse Road,—Extending about 800 foot North of North Soochow Road.

North Soochow Road,—Connecting North Honan and North Shanse Roads.

North Kiangse Road,—Extending about 600 feet north of Tiendong Road, and connecting that road with Tsung-ming Road.

Tsung-ming Road,—Connecting North Szechuen and North Kiangse Roads, parallel to Tiendong Road.

North Szechuen Road,—Connecting Boone and Quinsan Roads.

Quinsan Road,—Connecting Woosung and North Szechuen Roads.

Boone Road,—Connecting Chapoo and North Szechuen Roads.

Yuen-fong Road,—Connecting Seward Road with the proposed Hanbury Road extension.

The raising and forming of these roads have been delayed on account of additional time being granted to the proprietors to remove buildings and fences on the lines of roads; these obstructions are now being removed and the work can shortly be proceeded with.

The following roads have been widened, etc. :—

Bing-vong-ka,—Continuation to Foochow Road. Property of F. D. Barnes, Esq., Lots 962-963, T. D. 955-956, Area 0*m*. 3*f*. 0*l*. 7*h*.

Nankin Road,—South side, corner of Szechuen Road, and Szechuen Road, west side, corner of Nanking Road. Property of A. D. Sassoon, Esq., Lot 985, T. D. 978, Area 0*m*. 2*f*. 8*l*. 7*h*,

Shanse Road.—East side, between Pekin Road and Soochow Creek, Property of E. E. Sassoon, Esq., Lot 735, T. D. 728, Area. 0*m*. 1*f*. 5*l*. 5*h*.

Szechuen Road, — West side, adjoining Sassoon Buildings, Property of A. D. Sassoon, Esq., Lot 34, T. D. 25, Area 0*m*. 0*f*. 6*l*. 1*h*.

Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co. have agreed to widen the Foochow Road, near Honan Road, by selling a strip of Mr. S. D. Sassoon's property. This will complete the improvement of the Foochow Road, between Kiangse and Honan Roads.

The table below shows that little progress has been made in the extension, etc., of roads named in pages 139-141 of Report for 1887.

1. The Taiwan Road east to Shansi Road.	Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering.
2. Continuing Amoy Road in an easterly direction to join the Fuhkien Road.	Nothing further has been done.
3. Widening Kiukiang Road, between Hoopeh and Fuhkien Roads.	The negotiations with Messrs. Iveson & Co., for a strip of land between the Hoopeh and Fuhkien Roads, have fallen through.
4. Widening and connecting Woosieh Road with the Shanse and Fuhkien Roads.	Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering.
5. Connecting the Loong-see-yuen Alley, from Nankin to Ningpo Road.	Ditto.
6. Continuing the Yangtsze-poo Road.	Nothing further has been done.
7. Roads to define boundaries of Hongkew.	Ditto.
8. Widening Ningpo Road to 30 ft., between Shansi and Fuhkien Roads.	Ditto.
9. Extension of Shantung Road from Nankin to Ningpo Road.	Not yet arranged, no opportunity offering.
10. Extension of Woo-foo-loong from Soochow Creek to Nankin Road.	Nothing further has been done.

11. Seward Road and two other Roads parallel to Broadway, from Hongkew Creek to Dent Road.	Several attempts have been made to arrange with Native owners for a road through the Village near the Hongkew Creek, so as to continue the Hanbury Road through to the Yuen-fong Road. The price asked for the land is so exorbitant that no alternative remains but to leave the matter in abeyance until the villagers are willing to accept reasonable terms. No further action has been taken with reference to the other roads.
12. To continue in a northerly direction to Seward Road the Taiping, Kee-cheong, and two other roads.	Negotiations have been made to the owners of properties in line of the proposed Taiping Road, but nothing definite has been arrived at. The other roads are still in abeyance.

Outside Roads.—The New Cemetery Road has been drained, curbed and side-channelled and metalled.

A new hardwood bunding has been constructed on the Bubbling Well Road near the double bend.

The railings of the different bridges and culverts have been repaired and painted.

The wooden bridges on the Sinza and Jessfield Roads have been repaired.

The trees on the various roads inside and outside the Settlements have been pruned, and additional trees have been planted.

The Bubbling Well, Jessfield, Carter, Markham, Sinza, New Cemetery, Siccawei and Yangtsze-poo Roads have been metalled or repaired from time to time as required.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. B. CLARK, *Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.*,
Surveyor.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.
YEEND DUER, Esq.
E. WHEELEY, Esq.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

SHANGHAI RECREATION GROUND.

SHANGHAI, 2nd January 1889.

To the Municipal Council for the
Settlement North of the Yang-king-pang.

GENTLEMEN,

I have again to make a satisfactory Report of the progress of the Garden during the past year, though the weather has not been very propitious for gardening purposes and some of our displays have suffered accordingly, but not to any great extent.

The Committee were pleased to learn that the Council had taken the dilapidated state of the Band-Stand into consideration, and that a new Iron Stand had been ordered in its place, which is now in course of erection and promises to be an attractive feature in the Garden. It is also very satisfactory to know that H. Ex. the Taotai has given his consent to the reclamation of the mud flat at the Garden point, which has long been a desideratum, as the trees planted in 1867 have overgrown one another for want of room, and some will have to be sacrificed for the benefit of the rest.

The large conservatory has been repainted and all necessary repairs to the other houses have been attended to. The Potting Sheds and Dark House in rear of the reserve are very old and past mending, and the Committee propose to re-erect them on a different plan, which will secure more accommodation, but the cost will not be great and there is no necessity to ask for further funds on this account.

The Committee have to thank Captains Du Burgh and Yangkowski for contributions of Plants, and Mr. Werner Krohn, of Foochow, for some Chinese Orchids, as also to thank Mr. J. G. Brown, of Manila, for a nice collection of Manila Orchids. In the Spring of the year Mr. A. G. Wood presented a Terra Cotta Fountain for which we have made a suitable rustic basin at the entrance to the Gardens.

The Accounts are appended giving the details of our expenditure, and the Committee will be glad if the Council will include the usual allowance of Tls. 1,200 for the maintenance of the Garden in their next Budget.

Mr. White having retired from the Committee, Mr. Carles was invited to fill the vacancy, and the Committee now consists of Messrs. Carles, Duer, Price, and the undersigned, who are willing to continue their services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. R. CORNER,

Hon. Sec., Garden Committee.

Expenditure of the Shanghai Recreation Ground for the Year 1888.

Wages	$720.00		Tls. 525.60
Coolie-hire and Sundries	40.08		29.26
Coals	84.50		61.69
Tools and Utensils	111.86		81.66
Plants and Seeds	49.30	Tls. 36.00	
		66.62	
			102.62
Repairs and Alterations			189.00
Rockery	198.07	Tls. 144.59	
		20.02	
			164.61
	$1,203.81		Tls. 1,154.44

New Band-Stand.

The wooden Band-Stand in the Public Garden having become rather dilapidated the Council for 1887 decided to have it removed, and to replace it with an iron pavilion, and a provision of Tls. 2,500 was made in the Budget, to pay for the new stand and the cost of its erection.

The stand, which was constructed by Messrs. MacFarlane & Co., of Glasgow, arrived out in August, costing laid down here Tls. 2,054, and it has now been erected in the Garden at an expense of Tls. 1,500, making the total cost Tls. 3,054, or fully Tls. 1,000 over the amount provided in the Budget.

This is owing to the new stand being 24 feet in diameter instead of 20 as was originally intended, and in place of the site being simply raised, a chamber has been constructed under the stand, and it will have a raised path and ornamental stone railing round it.

GENERAL.

Court of Consuls.

The Consular Representatives of Great Britain, Germany and the United States were delegated by the Members of the Consular Body to act as Judges in the Court of Consuls during 1888.

New Municipal Regulations.

No information has been received from Peking this year about the New Municipal Regulations and By-laws, or when they are likely to be confirmed.

Medical Education of Chinese.

In compliance with a request from Dr. E. Henderson, the Dean of the Medical Faculty of Shanghai, the Chairman and Members of the Municipal Council agreed to present their final certificates to those pupils of Dr. Wykeham Myers who had passed the necessary examinations here and in Hongkong.

The ceremony took place in the Board Room on the afternoon of Wednesday the 1st August, in the presence of the Taoutai, the Consuls-General of Great Britain, United States, Germany, France, and Belgium, and a large number of residents, when Mr. Wood, as Chairman of the Council, presented their certificates to Mr. Goh Kit Moh, Mr. Chang Ching Kai, and Mr. Le Tsun Fan, the three students whom the Board of Examiners had passed as fully qualified to practise their profession in all its branches as Physicans, Surgeons, and Accoucheurs.

A certificate was also presented to Mr. Liu Ku Cheong, who has for nine years filled the post of dispenser in the David Manson Memorial

Hospital in Takao, and is fully qualified for the duties of a Military Hospital.

After the presentation the Meeting adjourned to the compound to witness the Ambulance drill.

The detachment went through numerous movements, including stretcher drill, dressing the wounded, improvising splints adapted from Chinese umbrellas, etc., in all which the students seemed to be quite proficient:

Shanghai, 27th July 1888.

SIR,—Referring to the examinations of Chinese Medical Students, for aid in carrying out which we are already under obligations to the Municipality, I have the honour to inform you that the candidates, having passed the necessary tests, are now fully entitled to receive their final certificates.

I have therefore to solicit, as a further favour from the Council and yourself, that you may be good enough, following last year's precedent, to present the said certificates at a public meeting.

The documents which attest the candidates' qualifications will be duly laid before you for inspection and approval.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD HENDERSON,
Dean of Medical Faculty, Shanghai.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

REGISTRY OF LAND.

The annexed Memorandum by Mr. Vice-Consul CARLES was forwarded to the Council by H.B.M. Consul-General, and appended is their report upon it:—

The Taotai has recently taken measures to survey Lots of land held by foreigners under Deeds issued from the Taotai's Yamen, when the Lots have not been previously surveyed.

Of the Deeds registered in this Consulate about two-thirds, say 1,100, come under this category.

The survey as at present conducted is entirely without system and depends upon the transfer of land from one hand to another bringing the Deeds to the Taotai's notice.

Neighbouring proprietors have no notice of the intended survey, as the Consulate has no means of knowing who the neighbouring proprietors are.

The survey is undertaken by the Taotai, partly to ascertain that the proper amount of land-tax is paid on the Lots, and partly without doubt with a view to calling upon proprietors to pay to the authorities for any land, such as ditches, etc., which has been occupied by them without official sanction.

A large quantity of land in the Settlement has of late years been taken in by public roads without any formal surrender having been made. In such cases taxes are still paid on the land.

The returns supplied by the Consulate to the Council as regards area of land subject to taxation have become incorrect though such extension of roads.

If practicable, it would be to the interest of the Taotai, the Municipal Council, and land-holders that any survey should be systematic, and that blocks of land lying between cross-roads should be surveyed first *en bloc*, and then that the component parts of each block should be carefully determined, and the area of land which has lapsed to public use at the same time ascertained.

Such work can only be done with the assistance of a competent surveyor, and by previous notice being given to the public at the time when blocks of land will be surveyed.

W. R. CARLES,
Vice-Consul.

H.B.M. CONSULATE-GENERAL,
April 5th, 1888.

Shanghai, 17th May 1888.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that the Council have carefully considered the Memorandum drawn up by Mr. Vice-Consul Carles directing attention to the defective system of registering land at the British Consulate and they approve of his suggestions as to the steps to be taken for improving it.

In order to carry them out effectually the Council are of opinion—

That there should be a Central Land Office attached to the Municipal Surveyor's Office, under the charge of a properly qualified Surveyor appointed by the Council and approved of by the Consular Body.

That all owners of land should be required to send to this office a correct plan of each of their properties showing the boundaries of each Consular lot and giving the names of the owners of the adjoining lots.

That foreshore and land surrendered for public use should be excluded from the area of lots registered as belonging to private owners, and that the contents of each lot should be calculated at a fixed standard of 7,260 feet per mow, but land held in trust by the Council for the public should be distinguished from any land or water held by the Chinese Authorities, and that the boundaries of Creeks or other places over which the Chinese Authorities claim special rights of ownership should also be agreed upon.

That on the basis of this information a skeleton plan on a scale of 50 feet to an inch should be prepared showing the boundaries of each lot and its actual area in mows calculated at the rate of 7,260 square feet per mow, and that after this plan has been exposed to public inspection for a sufficient time and notice of errors received and considered it should be accepted as an authority for the boundaries and areas of all properties shown thereon.

That after this plan is completed a certified copy of the plan of each lot should, on payment of a fee, be handed to the owners for deposit at the Consulate where the land is registered.

That an agreement should be entered into by all the Consular Authorities not to register any transfer of land until such a plan has been deposited.

That in the case of transfer of entire lots the Consular Authorities should inform the officer in charge of the Land Office of the change of ownership, but in the case of the transfer of a portion of a lot no entry should be made in the register till the portion to be transferred has been marked on the plan of the old lot and a new plan has been deposited of the portion to be made into a new lot, or the severed portion added to the plan of some other lot as the case may be; all such alteration of plans or supplying of new ones to be done at the Land Office in return for suitable fees.

That the Consular Authorities should, as at present, be responsible for seeing that all transfers are made by the actual owners or their properly qualified representatives, but the Land Office should be solely responsible for defining the land affected by each transfer, the connection of each transfer with any special plan or alteration of plan being indicated by some system of numbering to be agreed upon.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. J. MORRISON,

Vice-Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M's Consul-General,

and Senior Consul.

Public Hall and Municipal Offices, etc.

At the Annual Meeting in February last the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. W. V. Drummond, seconded by Mr. A. G. Wood and passed unanimously:—

"That the Municipal Council be requested to obtain plans and estimates of the cost of building a Public Hall and necessary Offices on the site of the present Municipal Offices; also to prepare estimates of the probable annual revenue that might be derived from the use of the building; also to exhibit in some public place the plans so obtained and to publish the said estimates of cost and of revenue as soon as convenient."

At the request of the Council the Works Committee prepared a scheme for a Town Hall and New Municipal Offices, and for a Central Police Station, and in September they submitted the following report:—

"In accordance with the Resolution on the subject passed at the Ratepayers' Meeting last February, the Works Committee have had prepared a scheme for a Town Hall and New Municipal offices and Central Police Station.

"The space required for a Town Hall and accessories is larger than is now available on the vacant land of the Municipal lots, so that a reconstruction of the whole of the Municipal premises will be necessitated to carry out the scheme now under consideration. Although the present offices and buildings are substantial and in good repair and are likely to be equal to all requirements for some time to come, on the other hand the buildings composing the Central Police Station are defective in condition and in the accommodation they afford, so that the building of a New Station will have to be taken in hand at an early date, whether or not it is dealt with as part of the present scheme.

"A memorandum has been prepared of the accommodation which it is proposed to provide in these new Municipal buildings, and which is required to the following extent:—

Public Hall.—Approaches, staircases, crush room, supper, card, ante and withdrawing rooms, etc.

Municipal Board Room.—Committee room, and withdrawing room.

Secretariat.—Offices and native offices, fire-proof rooms, etc.

Surveyor's Department.—The same.

Local Post Office.—The same.

Sanitary Department.—The same.

Volunteers.—Offices, Armoury, Godowns, Stabling, etc.

Fire Department.—Engine and Truck Houses, Machine Shop, etc.

Quarters for Secretary.

The same for Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Tower with Clock, Bells and Chimes.

The New Central Police Station is to provide following accommodation :—

1 Chief Inspector
4 Inspectors
10 Sergeants
} With a proportion of quarters for married men and their families.

30 Foreign Constables.

17 Indian Sergeants, Detectives and Constables.

72 Native Sergeants, Detectives and Constables.

With offices, public rooms, store rooms, prison cells, etc.

"The Works Committee have not gone into the question of a general plan for these buildings, or of the arrangement to be made for different Departments, as they believe that that can best be done by the Architects who may undertake to send in plans and specifications; but the Surveyor estimates roughly that, to provide all the accommodation required and in suitable style, the Town Hall and Municipal Offices would cost about Tls. 180,000, and the Central Police Station Tls. 80,000, or say Tls. 260,000 in all, in addition to which, cost of Fixings, Furniture, etc., will have to be provided for, as well as, possibly, rent for quarters during the rebuilding, etc.

The area of the present Municipal property is 16*m.* 6*f.* 1*l.* 5*h.*, from which will have to be deducted the space which will be required for widening the roads so as to provide suitable approaches. In view of the possibility of more space being required for the new buildings than the Council can dispose of, enquiries are being made about the acquisition, if found necessary, of an adjoining property; more room will certainly be required, if it is decided to make any additions on account of requirements not provided for in the present scheme, and the cost of such land will naturally have to be added to the total estimated outlay.

"The resolution already referred to also authorises the Council to obtain plans and estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings; the Works Committee therefore recommend that such plans and estimates should be advertised for in the usual manner. They consider it desirable that all plans, etc., sent in should become the property of the Council; there will therefore have to be decided what premiums shall be offered as a reasonable remuneration for them.

"It is somewhat difficult to estimate the probable Annual Revenue that might be derived from the use of the Town Hall. There are some 12 to 15 Local Companies holding their meetings here, and there are Concerts, Balls and various Entertainments given at the different Clubs of Shanghai, the Masonic and Temperance Halls, etc., many of which might be attracted to the Town Hall on account of the superior accommodation which, in all probability, it will afford; still, under existing circumstances, the money value of the support to be counted on is so uncertain that the Works Committee do not feel justified in estimating it at a higher figure than an average of Tls. 100 a month throughout the year or say Tls. 1,000/1,200 per annum."

The report was approved of, and the Works Committee were requested to consider what steps ought to be taken in order to obtain designs for the proposed new buildings, and estimates of their cost. On the 30th October they submitted the following minute to the Council, and it was then decided to delay taking any further steps in the matter in the meantime, and to refer the whole scheme to the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting.

DESIGNS FOR NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

"*Minute by the Works Committee.*—The Works Committee report that having considered the question of advertising for plans and specifications for the New Municipal Buildings in accordance with their Memorandum of the 28th September, they find that to provide suitable room for the buildings there enumerated, it would probably be necessary to acquire one or other of the adjoining properties, which could doubtless be bought at a price, even if a full one. Until that point is decided and the shape and area of the land is definitely settled, plans could hardly be prepared, and in view of the fact that the premium to be offered for the plans approved of, would probably be from Tls. 1,000 to Tls. 1,500 for the first set, with proportionate amounts for others sent in, which the Council might desire to retain, and that the cost of the buildings will amount to quite Tls. 300,000 without taking into account the purchase-money of the additional land required, the Works Committee recommend that the matter should remain in abeyance for reference to and decision at the next Ratepayers' Meeting."

Wheelbarrow Tax.

At the Annual Meeting the Council were instructed to increase the licence fee for wheelbarrows to 1,000 cash each per month, and notice was given to the coolies that the increased tax would be collected on and after the 1st April.

The coolies objected to the proposed increase, and petitioned the Native Authorities requesting that the tax should be allowed to remain at 400 cash per month.

A Meeting took place on the 27th March between the Chairman of the Council and the Native Authorities, when the matter was fully discussed, but, as will be seen from the annexed minute, nothing was definitely settled.

An interview took place on the afternoon of 27th March between the Chehsien, the Mixed Court Magistrate and myself and at my request Mr. WANG, Police Interpreter, was also present.

The question discussed was the increased tax on wheelbarrows. The Chehsien explained that the coolies who ply these are a poor class of agriculturists who come mostly from the Koonpah district during the seasons of the year when there is not work at their homes for them, and that they are unable to take up any other employment such as carrying goods or dragging rickshaws, and he hoped that the tax might be raised in a more gradual rate, say 200 cash a year.

They are very poor and have their families to support and cannot afford to pay the present tax of 1,000 cash.

For the Council it was then stated that as far back as the Land Renters' Meeting of March 1877, the inconvenience caused by the heavy and bulky weights carried on wheelbarrows was complained of, but while the taxes on rickshas and carriages had been successively raised to their present rates the tax on wheelbarrows had remained at 400 cash. This matter had the attention of the Council during the last two years, during which the carriage of heavy and bulky cargoes had been much increased, and it was only to protect the community against the inconvenience thus caused and on account of the damage done to the roads, etc., that the tax was raised to its present rate and the measure was carried out according to the usual procedure.

The poverty of the men was again strongly urged and it was proposed that a Special Meeting of Land Renters should be called to reconsider the question, on which it was explained that under the circumstances the Council did not consider the tax unduly heavy, and that it was doubtful if a Land Renters' Meeting had power to make any alterations in the licence fee when once it was passed. It was suggested that the Taotai might communicate his views to the Senior Consul for the Board of Consuls to take action if they saw their way to it.

The Chehsien thought wheelbarrows might be prevented from coming into the Settlement at all, and it was explained that would do them more harm than the Council proposed doing. Limiting the number of barrows would create a monopoly in favour of the holders of licences, and it was said that the competition amongst the barrow-men—as keen perhaps as in other trades—would reduce the men to work for the barest pittance whatever the tax might be.

It was explained that the tax produced last year Tls. 5,660 and it was estimated to amount to Tls. 7,000 for the current year.

The Chehsien then explained that if the Council could not reduce the tax during the current year, he would report to the Taotai and apply to him to contribute Tls.5,000 towards paying it, and if the Taotai could not do this, the Chehsien would do so himself.

A promise was given that this should be reported to the Council, but it was doubtful if such a proposal could be accepted, and the Meeting then terminated.

Shanghai, 27th March.

On the 31st March the following letter was addressed to the Senior Consul by the Taotai, and in compliance with the request contained in it, the Council agreed to delay collecting the increased fee in the meantime.

[*Translation.*]

Despatch from KUNG, Taotai, to P. J. HUGHES, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul-General.

Dated Kwang Sü XVI, 2, 18 (30th March 1888).

Received 31st March.

SIR.—On 29th March I received joint Report from Mr. PEI-TA-CHANG, Magistrate of Shanghai, Mr. TSAI, Magistrate, of the Mixed Court, and Mr. WANG PIN, (Sub-Prefect, and Magistrate of the Mixed Court, French Settlement) to the effect that—

The wheelbarrow men LI PÜ-KÜ and others had sent in the following Petition to these Magistrates:—

"The petitioners are natives of the Country North of the Yangtsze but have been many years at Shanghai all engaged in wheeling barrows to earn a living. Originally there was no tax on those in the Foreign Settlement, but during the reign called Tung-chi (1862-75) the British Municipal Council began to levy a tax of 200 cash a month, and subsequently the French Municipal Council did so also. At the present time every wheelbarrow is taxed every month in the English Settlement 435 cash, and in the French Settlement 400 cash, which is already very hard upon the men, and we now suddenly hear that the British Municipal Council intend from 1st April, corresponding to the 20th day of the 2nd moon of our style, to levy a tax of more than 600 cash in addition to the present impost, on every barrow per month, and that the French Council intend to do the same. This intelligence causes your petitioners the greatest distress and anxiety. Their present condition is but little removed from that of beggars, and by working like horses and cattle, they can hardly manage to scrape together enough to buy the daily rice. The unexpected addition of the above large sum to the tax they have to pay will reduce them to such straits that they cannot really see how they will be able to subsist and they therefore come round your worships to look for help and rescue from the trouble into which they are now menaced."

The officials before mentioned make the following observations in their Report in the reference to the foregoing Petition:—

Shanghai is the great centre of Foreign trade, and for the conveyance of merchandize those wheelbarrows are employed to a very large extent; as many as about 2,000 country people, all of them very poor, making their living by this labour in the Northern parts of Shanghai. It is quite true that these poor people already find it difficult to get together the monthly tax of 400 cash or more on each barrow levied by the British and French Municipal Councils, but now

suddenly both these Councils decide on raising an additional tax of some 600 cash, a large amount, being in fact as much as the original impost over again with a half added, and it becomes a question how are the people to live if they have to pay this?

A further point of consideration is this, viz.,—that although the affairs of the Foreign Settlement are managed by the Foreign residents in it, regulations assigning to them a complete jurisdiction over the Settlement have not received the express and written sanction of the High Authorities of China. Where Chinese subjects are concerned the officials of China are there.

The persons now called upon to pay an additional tax are all Chinese subjects, and by rights in such a case the Chinese officials should previously be consulted and action should not be taken until the consent of both sides has been obtained.

The Municipal Council have not in this instance previously consulted with the Chinese authorities, or called for an opinion from them, and it is by no means permissible for them to entirely, independently and apart, come to such a decision and take such action.

Two of the writers of this Report, Mr. PEI and Mr. TSAI, called on Mr. WOOD, Chairman of the British Municipal Council, to discuss the subject with him, and Mr. WOOD insisted on the impracticability of modifying the decision which had been passed by the whole body of the foreign merchants, and we hear that the additional tax will come into operation certainly on the 1st of April.

If, however, persons are charged before our tribunals in consequence of the wheelbarrow men's inability to pay the additional tax, the imposition of which has never been properly discussed, the Municipal Council thus not allowing these men to follow their callings, we as Magistrates will not be prepared to give judgments contrary to our idea of what is right, or to act in an oppressive manner towards these indigent Chinese.

It is, moreover, to be apprehended that troubles may arise when they find themselves suddenly without the means to buy their daily food, and it is impossible to guarantee that this will not happen. We as Magistrates have the care of the people entrusted to our hands, and it is our heart-felt wish that all Chinese and foreigners may live at peace with each other. We respectfully request you, taking into consideration the importance of this matter to the people's living, to address an official despatch to H.B.M.'s Consul-General, the Doyen of the Corps Consulaire and to the Consul-General of France, so that the Council may be moved to remove the additional tax at once and to request these gentlemen to reply to such despatch as soon as possible so that Proclamations may be issued which will obviate the breaking out of any disturbance.

This will be of great benefit to the poor people and of great advantage to the place in general.

With reference to the above Report I would observe that the wheelbarrow men in the Foreign Settlement are all extremely poor and peaceable people who

make by wheeling merchandize in their barrows very small earnings compared with the labourers who carry burdens on their shoulders, and so have the less to spare.

They render much service to the foreign hongs, and already working very hard to earn a living find it by no means easy to get together the tax of about 400 cash collected from each wheelbarrow every month by the Municipal Council.

It is perfectly true that if an additional tax of about 600 cash a barrow per month be imposed upon them the amount will be so excessively heavy that they will be without the means of paying it.

They should be treated in this matter with due consideration for their circumstances.

Moreover, in a case of raising an additional tax like this, the British and French Municipal Councils should previously fully discuss the matter, and it is essential that the wheelbarrow men should agree before the tax is put into operation. To raise such an additional tax on the 1st April is too sudden, and it is to be feared that the popular dissatisfaction thus caused may eventuate in a disturbance.

I have therefore the honour to request you to be good enough to move the Municipal Council to abstain from levying the additional tax in question and so show their consideration for these indigent Chinese labourers and their liberality of views.

The proposed course of action in imposing an additional tax at such a near date as 1st April is extremely to be deprecated as likely to give rise to disturbances.

I have the honour also to request that you will send me a despatch in reply to enable me to give instructions for the issue of a Proclamation to reassure the public as soon as possible.

I am communicating in the above sense with the Consul-General of France.

I have, etc.

Translated by

(Signed) M. F. A. FRASER.

Subsequently a great many communications were received from the Taotai through the Senior Consul, representing the poverty of the coolies and their inability to pay any additional licence fee, and the Consular Body having recommended that no increase should be made in the wheelbarrow tax at present, the Council finally decided to leave the licence fee unchanged and to continue collecting it at the rate of 400 cash per month until the end of the year.

Water for Municipal Purposes.

The contract with the Shanghai Waterworks Company terminated on the 30th June, and after a good deal of correspondence on the subject a new contract was made for a further term of five years from the 1st July, by which the Company agree to supply a maximum quantity of 200,000 gallons of water daily for an annual payment of Tls. 12,500, less a discount of 10 per cent should it be found that the quantity used during the year has not exceeded an average of 150,000 gallons per day, and to make no additional charge for the water used for extinguishing fires. 20 additional hydrants have been erected in various parts of the Settlement.

Annexed is the correspondence on the subject, and a copy of the new contract:

Municipal Council,
Shanghai, 10th April 1888.

Gentlemen,—The Agreement between the Municipal Council and your Company for the supply of water for Municipal purposes will, as you are aware, expire on the 30th June next.

The Council will therefore be glad to learn at the earliest convenience of your Directors, their views as to the terms upon which they are willing to renew the contract for a term of years from 30th June 1888.

You are no doubt aware that at the last Ratepayers' Meeting the Chairman of the Council pointed out that the above contract required renewal and that it might be advisable at the same time to inquire into the terms and conditions on which the whole water supply of the Settlement can be acquired, and referring to those remarks the Council would wish to be informed if your Company has any proposals to make and whether you would prefer to deal with the two subjects of the contract for the Municipal supply and the acquisition by the Council of the whole supply of water for the Settlement, conjointly or separately.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

Messrs. Drysdale, Ringer & Co.,
Secretaries, Shanghai Waterworks Co.

Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited,
Shanghai, 20th April 1888.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Chairman's letter No. 88/860 of the 10th instant having reference to the renewal of our Contract with the Council for the supply of Water for Municipal requirements, which expires on

the 30th June next; enquiring the terms and conditions upon which the Council could acquire the lease of the whole Water supply of the Settlement, and asking whether this Company would prefer to deal with these two subjects conjointly or separately.

Your letter was laid before the Directors at their last meeting on the 17th inst., and I am requested to reply thereto as follows :—

With regard to the two questions referred to in your letter, viz.: (*a*), the renewal of the Contract for the supply of Water for Municipal purposes, and (*b*) the leasing to the Council of the whole of the Water required for the Settlement under their control, I beg to inform you that we prefer dealing with these two subjects separately.

As regards the Supply of Water for Municipal requirements, this Company is prepared to renew the existing contract for a period not exceeding five years from 30th June next, on the basis of the terms and conditions of the present contract. It has however occurred to the Directors that as the Settlements have extended considerably since the date of the original contract in 1881 and will probably continue to extend during the next five years, the Council might desire to contract for a larger quantity of water than 150,000 gallons per diem, in which case the Company will be willing to supply the increased quantity required, at the same *pro rata* price as that at present paid, while the question of erecting additional Hydrants for Fire purposes and Watering roads, and extending Mains in new districts might become the subject of negotiations between the Council and the Company, when no doubt some arrangement satisfactory to both parties could be concluded.

With regard to the acquisition by the Council of the whole Water supply for the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang, I would direct your attention to the fact that Article 8 of the existing Agreement between the Council and the Company, sets forth fully the terms and conditions upon which the Council can acquire the above rights, and the Directors are not at present prepared to make any other proposals on the subject. They would, however, call special attention to the stipulation in clause 8, that the Council should give the Company "*not less than one year's notice in writing*" of their intention of leasing the Water supply and impress upon the Council the necessity of giving us this notice, in order that all necessary preparations may be made in good time, to enable the Company to carry out efficiently the obligations they will then have to undertake.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. McLEOD,
Chairman.

To R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 3rd July 1888.

SIR,—I now beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th May last, wherein you, by direction of your Council, propose to renew the contract for the water required for Municipal purposes for a further term, viz.,—The Council to take 125,000 gallons of water per day for a payment of Tls. 6,700 and to pay at the rate of one dollar for 5,000 gallons for any quantity used in excess of 125,000 gallons per day.

In reply I have to inform you that the Waterworks Company is not prepared to accept this proposal, but following the suggestions made by the Finance Committee of your Council, at their interview with the representatives of the Waterworks Company, on the 21st June last, I now beg on behalf of the Company to make the following proposals :—

Firstly.—The Company will place at the disposal of the Council a maximum daily supply of 125,000 gallons for an annual payment of Tls. 9,125, being at the rate of one tael for 5,000 gallons ; any additional quantity that may be taken on any day to be paid for at the same rate, and the Company not to be held responsible for a larger supply than 125,000 gallons on any day.

Secondly.—The Company will place at the disposal of the Council a maximum daily supply of 150,000 gallons for Tls. 10,950 less a discount of Tls. 950,—Net Tls. 10,000 per annum ; any additional quantity taken on any day to be paid for at the rate of one tael for 5,000 gallons. The Company not to be held responsible for a larger supply than 150,000 gallons per diem.

Thirdly.—The Company will place at the disposal of the Council a maximum daily supply of 200,000 gallons for Tls. 14,600 less a discount of Tls. 2,100,—Tls. 12,500 per annum.

Fourthly.—The Company will place at the disposal of the Council a maximum daily supply of 250,000 gallons for Tls. 18,250 less a discount of Tls. 3,250,—Tls. 15,000 per annum.

It being understood the daily supply under these Third and Fourth proposals is to be used for reasonable Municipal purposes, such as those for which the supply has hitherto been taken, and that if more than the quantity agreed upon is taken upon any day for such purposes, it is to be paid for *pro rata*. The Company not to be held responsible for a larger supply than that contracted for, but for the requirements of the Fire Brigade service it agrees to give such a supply as its means will admit of, without extra charge.

These proposals are based upon a charge of one tael for 5,000 gallons, allowing to the Council a reasonable discount for increase in quantity, this standard of price having, as was explained to the Finance Committee, been adopted owing to the depreciation of silver, the present sterling value of the tael being the same as the sterling value of the Mexican dollar when the agreement which has just expired was made.

I would further point out that even at the rate of one tael for 5,000 gallons, the Council will be provided with their supply upon terms which compare very favourably with those current in England, the cost to them being without discount about 10d. per thousand gallons, whilst under the discount allowed for increased supply the lowest cost will be about 8d. per thousand gallons irrespective of any excess of quantity that the Fire Brigade will be provided with free of charge.

With respect to the 43 additional hydrants suggested by the Finance Committee, the Company will, in the event of any of its proposals being accepted, place 20 in the positions indicated by plan submitted to the Engineer of the Company at the interview on the 21st June.

With regard to the other 23, as the outlay necessary to place them in the positions suggested would amount to about Tls. 20,000, the Company is not prepared to incur the expense without adequate remuneration, and consider a fair charge would be 10 per cent. per annum on the outlay incurred, of which 3 per cent. should be yearly placed to credit of the depreciation fund, of which the Council will get the benefit, should they hereafter avail themselves of their right to acquire the works of the Company.

It is further understood that when the Company find the profit derived from the sale of water delivered through these mains, is equal to the remuneration paid by the Council, the charge for interest on outlay shall then cease.

Regarding the absence of Caps upon the hydrants, to which attention was drawn by the Finance Committee, your Council is aware from previous correspondence upon the subject, that this defect is the result of thefts which the Police seem to be unable to prevent, and hence the Company is reluctant to incur the expense of refitting the hydrants as they were originally, but it will give attention to the suggestion of the Finance Committee regarding Caps of a less expensive character, and trust the Council will instruct the Police to use every effort to prevent the new Caps from being stolen.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. McLEOD,
Chairman.

Shanghai, 25th August 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd July which has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that they are prepared to enter into an agreement with the Water Works Company for the supply of water for Municipal purposes for a period of five years from the 1st July last upon the basis of your third proposal, viz. :—

The Company to place at the disposal of the Council a maximum daily supply of 200,000 gallons for Tls. 14,600 per annum, less a discount of Tls. 2,100 or say net Tls. 12,500 with the understanding that if the quantity of water used by the Council during the year does not average more than 150,000 gallons per day a further discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed on the above sum of Tls. 12,500, reducing the amount to Tls. 11,250.

The Council understand that the water is to be used for reasonable Municipal purposes and that if more than 200,000 gallons are used on any day, the additional quantity is to be paid for *pro rata*, the Company, however, not to be held responsible for a larger supply than that contracted for; but for the requirements of the Fire Brigade, the Company is to supply such quantity as its means will admit of without any additional charge.

The Council agree to the proposed arrangement for additional hydrants, which is that the Company are to erect twenty free of cost in the positions indicated on the plan submitted to your Engineer on the 21st July, the other 23 required by the Fire Brigade to be arranged for afterwards, but the Council wish it to be understood that they expect the Company to supply hydrants free of cost when required in Districts where their mains have been laid down.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

ALEX. McLEOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Shanghai Water Works Co.

Shanghai, 28th August 1888.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that your letter of the 25th instant, addressed to me as Chairman of the Water Works Company, has been submitted to the Board of Directors, and that the terms therein proposed by your Council, under which they are prepared to take a supply of water during the five years, beginning from the 1st July last, have been approved, and that I am authorized to accept them on behalf of the Company.

I would however point out, with reference to the last paragraph of your letter, referring to the proposed arrangements for additional hydrants, that it is understood by the Company, that they are to place 20 in positions pointed out upon your plan, and that you expect the Company, when extending its mains for its own purposes, to place Fire hydrants upon them at such distances as may be agreed upon.

As the terms of agreement have now been arranged between the Council and the Company, I will, if you approve of the suggestion, instruct the legal adviser of the Company to prepare a draft of the agreement, for submission to your Council before signature.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. McLEOD,
Chairman.

R. F. THORBURN, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 29th August 1888.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst., which has been submitted to the Council who in reply direct me to inform you that the arrangement you name for providing Fire hydrants in new districts is quite satisfactory to them and they will feel obliged by your having a draft of the agreement for the supply of water for Municipal purposes drawn up by your legal adviser and submitted to them before signature.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

A. McLEOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Shanghai Water Works Co.,
Limited.

AGREEMENT WITH THE WATER WORKS COMPANY.

THIS INDENTURE made the fourteenth day of November One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight BETWEEN The Shanghai Waterworks Company Limited (who are hereinafter referred to as "the Company,") of the one part and The Council for the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai north of the Yang-king-pang (who with their successors in office are hereinafter referred to as "the Council" of the other part. WHEREAS by an Indenture dated the eighteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one and expressed to be made between the Company of the first part the Council (in the now reciting Indenture described as the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai) of the second part and Alexander McLeod, Henry Riches Hearn, Robert Mackenzie and John Melancthon Ringer of the the third part (among other

things) the Company covenanted with the Council that they would from the date of the completion of the Works in the said Indenture now in recital mentioned provide and deliver (except during times when they should be prevented by unavoidable cause) both night and day a constant and effective supply of pure water for watering roads and streets, extinguishing fires, flushing drains, public drinking fountains (which were to be used strictly as such and erected only in such places and in such manner, as not in any way to interfere with the Company's business of selling water to the population of Shanghai) Police stations Municipal offices and for all or any other Municipal purposes at all the hydrants to be provided by the Company for such purposes and by such other appropriate means as might be provided by the Council such water to be supplied at a pressure when it left the Company's water-tower equal to a head of water of from Eighty-five to One hundred feet. And it was by the Indenture now in recital further provided that the charges to be made by the Company for the supply of water for Municipal purposes should provided such supply did not exceed One hundred and fifty thousand gallons per diem be for the first five years from the date when the Company should commence to supply water Eight thousand Taels per annum payable quarterly and that if a larger supply than One hundred and fifty thousand Gallons should be required the charge for the surplus should be at the same rate per gallon. AND WHEREAS the period of Five years from the date when the Company commenced to supply water for Municipal purposes ended on the thirtieth day of June last. AND WHEREAS the Company and the Council are desirous of entering into an agreement for the supply by the Company of water for Municipal purposes for a further period of Five years from the first day of July last and for other objects hereinafter mentioned. Now this Indenture witnesseth that it is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties hereto (the Council covenanting on behalf of themselves and their successors in office) as follows :—

1.—The Company shall (except when they shall be prevented by unavoidable cause) during the period of Five years computed from the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight place at the disposal of the Council for reasonable Municipal purposes as mentioned in the hereinbefore recited Indenture a constant and effective maximum daily supply of Two hundred thousand gallons of filtered water such supply to be available by night as well as by day.

2.—The Council shall pay to the Company for the supply mentioned in the last preceding clause the sum of Twelve thousand five hundred Taels Shanghai Sycee per annum such sum to be paid by as nearly as may be equal monthly payments on the last day of each calendar month the first of such monthly payments to become due on the thirty-first day of July One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and in case on any one day reckoning from midnight to midnight and so often as the consumption of water for Municipal purposes

shall exceed on any one day as aforesaid Two hundred thousand gallons the excess shall be paid for at the rate of One Tael per Five thousand gallons.

3.—In case at the end of any year it shall appear that the consumption of water for Municipal purposes during such year has not averaged more than One hundred and fifty thousand gallons per diem the Company shall forthwith on demand in writing by the Council which demand shall be sufficient if left at the office of the Company at Shanghai return and pay to the Council a sum (One thousand two hundred and fifty Taels) equal to a discount of ten per centum upon the said sum of Twelve thousand five hundred Taels.

4.—The Company shall not be bound to supply for Municipal purposes on any one day reckoned as aforesaid more than Two hundred thousand gallons of water, but for the purposes of the Fire Brigade the Company shall be bound to supply such quantity of water as shall be required and as its means will admit of without making any extra charge for such supply but such supply shall be taken into account in estimating the average daily consumption of water for the purposes of clause Three hereof.

5.—The Company shall forthwith at their own expense and cost erect twenty hydrants in the positions indicated on the plan submitted to the Engineer of the Company on or about the twenty-first day of July One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and shall in all cases when mains are laid by them for their own purposes in places to which their mains have not heretofore been extended provide and erect in connection with such mains at their own expense a suitable number of hydrants to the satisfaction of the Council for use in case of fire and of drinking fountains (to be used strictly as such) and to be erected in such places and in such manner as may be agreed upon between the parties hereto but so as not to interfere in any way with the Company's business of selling water to the population of Shanghai.

6.—The Company shall from time to time lay down mains or pipes to any place within the jurisdiction of the Council to which the Council may desire to have water conveyed and in connection with such mains or pipes shall provide and erect such hydrants as the Council may require but the Council shall pay to the Company ten per cent per annum upon the amount which the Company shall have expended in the laying down and erection of such mains or pipes and hydrants until such time as the net revenue derived by the Company from the supply of water through such mains or pipes shall amount to such per centage. Of the per centage so as aforesaid to be paid by the Council three-tenths shall be placed to the credit of the Depreciation or Sinking Fund mentioned in the hereinbefore recited Indenture of the eighteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

7.—Except so far as the same is hereby modified and subject to the modifications and provisions hereby made the said hereinbefore recited Indenture shall remain in full force.

IN WITNESS whereof the Company have hereunto caused their Common Seal to be affixed and the Secretary of the Council on behalf of the Council has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of the Council the day and year first above-written.

A. McLEOD,
H. R. HEARN, } *Directors.*
DRYSDALE, RINGER & Co.
Secretaries.

SEALED with the Common Seal of the Shanghai Water Works Company Limited and signed by ALEXANDER McLEOD and HENRY RICHES HEARN two of the Directors of the said Company and by the Firm of DRYSDALE, RINGER AND COMPANY the Secretaries of the said Water Works Company by JOHN MELANCTHON RINGER a member of the said Firm in the presence of

H. PULLEN,
Clerk to Messrs. DRYSDALE RINGER & Co.

QUANTITY OF WATER USED FOR WATERING ROADS, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES DURING 1888.

MONTH.	Total Quantity used. Gallons.	For Watering Roads. Carts.	For Watering Roads. Gallons.	For other purposes. Gallons.
January	3,855,000	3,087	648,270	3,206,730
February	2,983,000	2,241	470,610	2,512,390
March	2,779,000	5,032	1,056,720	1,722,280
April	2,882,000	5,132	1,077,720	1,804,280
May	3,783,000	10,063	2,113,230	1,669,770
June	4,338,000	11,178	2,347,380	1,990,620
July	5,024,000	15,809	3,319,890	1,704,110
August	5,230,000	16,803	3,528,630	1,701,370
September	4,585,000	13,209	2,773,890	1,811,110
October	4,645,000	10,095	2,119,950	2,525,050
November	2,723,000	4,490	942,900	1,780,100
December	2,173,000	2,275	477,750	1,695,250
	45,000,000	99,414	20,876,940	24,123,060

Watering Roads on 266 days, 99,414 carts ...	20,876,940 gallons.
Flushing drains	2,530,000 ,,
Extinguishing Fires	3,340,000 ,,
All other purposes	18,253,060 ,,
	45,000,000 gallons.

WATER PAID FOR.

1st Jan. to 30th June,	29,750,000 at $1 per 5,000 gallons	...Tls. 4,381.31
1st July to 31st Dec.	28,125,000 at 1 tael ,, ,,	... ,, 5,625.00
	57,875,000	Tls. 10,006.31

Watering the Bund.

The Inspector of Nuisances having reported to the Council that the hydrants on the Bund at which the water-carts are filled were most inconveniently situated, as the carts when stopping at them interrupt the traffic, and interfere with brokers and others calling at the offices in front of which the hydrants are placed, it was decided to have some change made; and on his suggestion an arrangement was made with the Water Works Company to have four hydrants erected close to the curb-stone on the east side of the Bund, where there are no houses, and where the carts will not interfere with the traffic.

The cost of supplying the four hydrants was Tls. 552, on which amount 10 per cent. per annum is to be paid, in accordance with clause 6 of the new agreement with the Water Works Company for the supply of water for Municipal purposes.

Soochow Creek.

The annexed correspondence and minutes of meetings with the Chinese officials give full particulars of what has taken place during the past year with reference to the dredging of the Soochow Creek and the defining of the limits of the foreshores.

Minutes of Meeting on the 14*th January* 1888.

A meeting took place in the Board Room on Saturday forenoon (14th inst.) between the Che-sien, Mixed Court Magistrate and Mr. Ze-lan-cha, and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Surveyor, about the dredging of the Soochow Creek, when explanations were exchanged about the line of the foreshore proposed on the South bank between the Honan and Fokien road bridges, and about the continuation of the North Soochow road as far as the Keechong Filature; also about the line to be adopted below the Szechuen road bridge to the mouth of the Creek, and by desire of the Che-sien it was decided that a double row of flags should be placed, one to show the line of what the native authorities consider to be the original banks of the Creek, the other, the limits of the dredging operations they propose.

It was pointed out that what is known as the Ince foreshore has formed the subject of a suit in the British Supreme Court in consequence of which it is now set apart for public uses.

Before the dredging was commenced further reference was necessary to the Taotai Li who had returned from Soochow.

A beginning would be made at the mouth, the "Anding" dredger being employed.

In answer to an enquiry, it was stated that the mud excavated would probably be deposited on the Pootung side, and when it was suggested that it should be used to fill up the front of the Public Garden to the line laid down in the plans, reference to the Taotai Li was required, whose reply should be communicated in due course.

Beyond a statement that the dredging would be commenced as soon as possible, no date was named for its commencement.

Shanghai, 21st January 1888.

SIR,—The Taotai informs me that operations on the Soochow Creek will commence on the 27th instant, on which day the "Anding" will begin to dredge the mouth.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 23rd January 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to own receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, informing me that the native authorities will commence dredging the mouth of the Soochow Creek on the 27th instant, employing the "Anding" dredger for that purpose.

On the 23rd December at the Taotai's Yamên and on the 14th instant at our Board Room, meetings took place between the Native Authorities, the Vice-Chairman, the Municipal Surveyor and myself on the subject of the dredging and bunding of the Soochow Creek, and on behalf of the Council it was explained that the members present could only discuss questions connected with the dredging and embanking of the creek, in doing which the Council would render all the assistance in their power, being very desirous not only to have the banks of the creek

reclaimed from their present unsatisfactory condition, but also to secure if possible a roadway on one, if not on both banks within the limits of the Settlement; and they were gratified to receive from the Taotai and the other officials assurances of their readiness to work in harmony with the Council in carrying out these important works. The plan prepared by the Council to show the line of bundings and reclaimed foreshores proposed by them was considered in connection with that drawn up by the Native Authorities, and it was ultimately found that there was no more material difference between them, than appeared capable of adjustment when the Che-sien had marked out with flags on the spot the line of dredging which he proposed. The Che-sien was to have these flags placed in position, and the Council are still waiting for him to do this to arrive at a final decision on the subject.

The most important portion by far of the operations about to be commenced is that at the mouth of Creek on account of the effects which may be produced in the Whangpoo (or Wusung) river through the direction given to the flow of the tides in and out of the creek in consequence of the formation of its mouth.

This question has already been studied by competent authorities, and I do not hesitate to beg you to urge the officials to adopt, as far as circumstances will permit, the line of bunding which after much discussion was proposed by the Committee specially appointed in 1884 to report on it.

At the last interview with the Che-sien he was asked to allow the mud excavated to be used for filling up the Public Garden foreshore to that line, and he promised to refer the request to the officer in charge of the dredging operations and to inform us of his decision; this has not yet been communicated to us, I shall therefore feel obliged if you will ascertain for the Council what decision has been come to about it, for if the dredging is to be commenced as soon as the date named, and the mud is to be used as the Council recommend, there is but short time for our surveyor to do the necessary work of marking out the new Bund line, etc.

I avail of this opportunity to solicit your kind offices with the Taotai in connection with this question of dredging and embanking the Soochow Creek, and I do not doubt but that after the assurances of friendly and harmonious co-operation received from him, it will be an easy task to come to an early understanding about the line of embankment to be adopted, and I need not now insist on the immense importance it is to the Settlements to have good roads along the Creek, and its course regulated and kept in good order. My reason for pressing, as much as I am allowed to, for an early decision on these matters is that if the Council's proposals are adopted, and about them I shall at any moment be ready to supply you with any further information you may require, the Council will have to prepare estimates of the considerable expenditure which the embankments, bundings and making roads will entail, and also to enter into some negotiations with the owners of properties situated on the Creek; if these estimates and other

details can be completed in time they will necessarily form the subject of a special resolution which will have to be brought forward at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting, and in support of which the Council desire to supply the fullest information at their command, but they can do nothing effectual until they have the views of the native officials, which I am now begging you to obtain from them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 6th February 1888.

SIR,—I have received your two notes of the 24th January and 4th of February, quoting a letter from the Municipal Council, to the effect that they would be willing to facilitate the two matters of dredging and bunding the mouth of the Soochow Creek, and asking on their behalf whether they might use the excavated mud to raise the spit in front of the Public Garden, so as to stimulate the current and prevent further silting up.

I gave directions for enquiry to be made into the matter, and have now received the reply of the Shanghai Magistrate P'ei. He says that the Soochow Creek, originally called the Woosung River, is the general outlet for the waters leading from the T'ai-hu Lake, and of great importance to the water-courses of Kiang Su and Chê Kiang. The Creek was once as much as 300 feet or more broad; but, of late, owing to the silting up of each bank, the current has not had a free flow, and the place being inconveniently blocked up by boat traffic, Chioa is now excavating and deepening it; but, if the mud thus excavated be used for raising the spit in front of the Public Garden, it is by no means certain that the effect will be to stimulate the current. The present facilitating of her water communications is a matter which is rightly undertaken by China, and there would appear to be no necessity for troubling the Municipal Council to make suggestions. As to their proferred aid in arranging with the different owners about compensation for such land as may be yielded up for a road, the Magistrate went to see the Chairman of the Municipal Council on the 26th January, and explained to him that the mud banks of the Creek were Government accretion as part of the river-bed, and land which the owners were not entitled to take. The Chairman verbally agreed to at once remove the newly erected boundary stones on the north bank. The Magistrate now asks me to review his proceedings and take steps in the matter.

I have examined the old archives on this subject, and taking into due consideration the present condition of affairs, I find, with reference to the question of filling in the Garden spit, that in the year 1868, the "Ways and Means Office" newly filled in 30.473 *mu* of land in the north part of Shanghai in that portion of the river which lies near the great bridge, and these measurements were corroborated by the Magistrate and Deputy. As it lay in front of your Consulate, was to serve purely as a place of recreation, was not to be built upon at all for purposes of residence or profit, and therefore stood on a different footing from ordinary leaseholds, the waiving of annual rent was temporarily sanctioned on the understanding that should it hereafter be let to the uses of Foreign Merchants, or built upon for profit, the site was to be confiscated to the Chinese Government, and then be dealt with as with any other land. The then Consul, Mr. WINCHESTER, applied for an evidentiary document, and the then Taotai (now promoted), issued the necessary temporary stamped documents to be kept by those concerned. This then is the Public Garden site filled in by the Foreign Merchants actually measuring a little over 30 *mu*. From 1868 till now 20 years have elapsed, and beyond the site, an accretion of silt has accumulated, which proves that the more the banks of the Creek are filled in, the more they silt up. The mouth becoming daily narrower, the flow of water is not free, and the sand necessarily accumulates or settles. If the new accretion be filled in again, then we have already this one instance before us, and after a few years a further and fresh accretion will take place in front of the land thus filled in, and as the area of water will thus be narrower than ever, it is to be feared that the water interests of Kiang Su and Chê Kiang provinces will be seriously affected, so that it will be absolutely necessary to take this matter into further consideration before deciding.

China apportions her land taxation according to the quantity of cultivable land, and the taxes on land for each district are all fixed in amount. Rivers have never been subject to land tax, but, when a part of them is left exposed, it ought to be raised to taxation. In 1868 when the Foreign Council filled in the 30 odd *mu* of shoreland forming the Public Garden, as it was in front of your Consulate, the other adjoining new land along the river was also not called upon to be raised to taxation, and hence the collection of an annual rent was temporarily waived. At present the number of shorelands on both banks which have become good land is very numerous, and wherever such do not stand in the way of the water interests, they ought to be measured by the District Magistrate, appraised, offered to tender, and entered as an item subject to the fixed land-tax. Now the fact of the above mentioned Public Garden in its original dimensions having never fetched a price or paid rent was already something contrary to Chinese Law. Moreover, the area of the Creek there used to be over 300 feet in width, and has of late gradually grown narrower, whilst the new accretions on each bank have never yet been entered as taxable in the fixed lists, but have all been irregularly appropriated by individuals. As we are now clearing off these questions of raising to taxation,

and leasing out at a rent, it becomes necessary to find out where was the former bed of the Creek ; how far the old banks reached to, etc. All inside the old banks is cultivable land, taxable under the fixed register, all outside the banks is new land which has not paid land-tax. Such of the latter as stands in the way of the water interests must be dug away ; but wherever such be not injurious to the water interests, it should count as Government land, and in accordance with the law and practice be fairly appraised by the authorities and offered by public tender to Chinese purchasers. If the Foreign Merchants are willing to pay for it, and take it on lease, special arrangements can also be made.

Now that China is carrying out these matters in connection with the deepening of the Creek and the Settlement of boundaries should there be any grounds rendering necessary the assistance of the Chairman of the Municipal Council, of course application will be made to him accordingly with a view to assistance being rendered in a friendly spirit. In addressing you this reply, I beg you to communicate it to him as well.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) KUNG, Taotai.

To P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
Senior-Consul, Shanghai.

Minutes of Meeting on 26th January 1888.

A meeting took place on the afternoon of the 26th inst. in the Board Room of the Municipal offices, at which were present the Chesien, the Magistrates of the two Mixed Courts, Mr. ZEE LANCHA, and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Municipal Surveyor.

The proposed extension of the North-Soochow Road, west from the North-Honan Road was discussed, and the Chinese officials appeared desirous of calling in question the amended Bund line laid down by the Council after the one they originally proposed had been objected to by the Taotai, last September, they also wished to bring into discussion questions connected with the ownership and measurements of some of the properties situated along the line of the Road, and raised objections about the stones which had been placed in position by the Council to mark the boundaries on the landward, north, side of the Road.

On behalf of the Council, it was again and strongly represented that questions concerning the ownership of properties, or what the original or former foreshores of the Creek might have been could not be discussed by them, they were only at liberty to confer about matters connected with dredging the Creek

and the rectification of the foreshores, and they wished the Chinese officials to fulfil their promise of having the line of foreshore which they propose marked out with flags, when it could be seen if an agreement could be arrived at about the Bunding, such as would provide space for the roads on one or both banks of the Creek, which the Council consider it so desirable to make; it might not be possible, all at once and in some places, to obtain all the land sufficient for roads of a minimum width of 30 feet, but that might be acquired in course of time if the Chinese officials were, in the first instance, prepared to accept a foreshore line approximating to that shown on the Council's plans; and as it was only on the condition that something like the Council's plans could be carried out, that they could recommend the Ratepayers to incur the heavy expenditure which the bunding, embankments and laying out the Roads would necessitate, nothing would be done about the extension of the North-Soochow road pending the solution of the foregoing questions.

It was intimated that the Taotai was in favour of filling in the foreshore of the Public Garden as proposed by the Council, and perhaps some of the mud excavated by the "Anding" might be used for that purpose, after some requirements of the China Merchants' Company on the Pootung side had been satisfied.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 28th January 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd inst. relative to the dredging and bunding of the Soochow Creek. I have written to the Taotai requesting his attention to the importance of the facts so fully and clearly stated by you, and on receipt of his reply I will send you a translation as soon as possible.

Meantime I may state that, on the 24th inst., I had an interview with the Taotai on the subject of your letter. At this interview he produced a plan of the mouth of the Creek on which he had marked the portion intended to be dredged by the "Anding." The line of dredging corresponds as nearly as possible to that which I understand the Council to advocate, and will admit of some of the mud excavated being deposited in front of the Public Garden, the extension of which can then, as the Taotai remarked, be taken into consideration. This no doubt is so far very satisfactory: but, with regard to the part of the Creek above the Garden Bridge, the Taotai could not see his way to having the line of embankment marked out at once. Questions connected with the boundaries of property and the payment for alluvial accretions should in his opinion be first

disposed of, and he expressed a wish that the boundaries of lots should be pointed out before the new embankments were defined.

It is possible that further consideration may induce the Taotai to regard the improvement of the water-way and the regulation of the river banks as of primary and immediate importance. But, so far as my present information goes, I am inclined to think that there will be so much delay on the part of the Chinese Authorities in the progress of the work above the Garden Bridge, that the Council can hardly expect to be in a position to submit complete estimates of the cost of embankment to the approaching annual meeting of Ratepayers.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 2nd February 1888.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, from which I am glad to learn that the line marked out by the Taotai for dredging the Soochow Creek below the Garden bridge nearly corresponds with that advocated by the Council, and that he will allow some of the mud excavated to be placed on the Garden foreshore.

The Council desire me to tender you their best thanks for the kind assistance you have given towards having their scheme for the bunding of the Creek carried out, and they will feel much obliged by your letting them know so soon as possible what decision the native authorities have come to about the dredging of the Creek above the Garden bridge.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 17th February 1888.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 28th ultimo, I now beg to enclose translation of a letter from the Taotai containing his observations and those of the District Magistrate upon the points discussed in your letter to me of 23rd January.

The Taotai's opinions, as herein expressed, on the extension of the Public Garden seem to be at variance with his previous statements, but he intimates that his decision is not finally taken.

I have applied to him for further information, and in the meantime have reserved discussion of the matters in his letter to which I am unable to assent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
Senior Consul,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 8th March 1888.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 17th February, enclosing translation of a despatch from the Taotai in which he details the opinions of the Shanghai Magistrate, Mr. PEI, on the subject of the dredging, etc., of the Soochow Creek, and I now beg to thank the Taotai for this communication.

From it, however, it would appear that the Native Authorities are under some misapprehension as to the position the Council intended to take, for we have never entertained the idea of making any suggestions about facilitating the water-ways of China, but we have expressed our desire to be allowed to take advantage of the dredging operations now being carried out by the Chinese Government, to improve the foreshores of the Creek so far as they come under the control of the Council as custodians of the roads and public thoroughfares and places in the Settlement.

Our plan of the Creek, which coincides so nearly with that prepared by the Native Authorities, was drawn up on the reports and surveys of a number of competent experts, and there can be little doubt that were the Creek dredged and embanked according to these plans the danger would be minimized of a fresh silting up of the bed of the Creek as has happened so speedily after previous dredgings.

As regards the proposed westward extension of the North-Soochow road, it is true that the Council removed the stones which had been placed to mark the landward side of the road, but I have to state that this was agreed to at the urgent request of Mr. PEI at our interview of the 26th January, and it was then distinctly stated that it would only be done as a personal favor to him.

In the unsettled state in which the question of this extension was at the time, the Council did not attach very much importance to keeping the stones in place, but they held then, as they do now, that it is within their competence to acquire by purchase or free surrender, from the registered owners, the land required for this road which is already a public way, and mark and lay it out so that the foreshores of the Creek are not encroached on in any way to its detriment as a waterway.

In all our correspondence and interviews we have taken special care to confine ourselves to the discussion of matters relating to the dredging of the Creek and the reclamation of the foreshores and have declined to enter into any having reference to the original width of the Creek or of the accretions which may have taken place, such being quite out of our province and depending for adjustment on the Native and Consular Authorities and the land-owners concerned. On the same grounds I think the question of the Public Garden is foreign to the present subject except in so far as our request is concerned that some of the mud excavated by the "Anding" dredger might be used for filling up the foreshore of the Garden to the line of which I understand the Taotai has intimated his approval.

In formulating this request the Council had principally in view the improvement of the mouth of the Creek as shown in the plans already referred to,—the acquisition of more land for the Garden was a secondary consideration though, undoubtedly, any extension of it that does not cause injury to the Creek would be very desirable.

I think it has been explained with sufficient clearness that all the Council desire is that they should be allowed to bund and embank the foreshores of the Creek to any line laid down by the Native Authorities provided that it thereby affords space now, or the hope at some future time of acquiring it, sufficient for making roads on one or both banks without encroaching on the Creek so as to interfere with its functions as a water-way. Such roads would be of great benefit and utility to the Settlements and the reclamation of the foreshores would be a great sanitary measure.

I think I may point to the small section between the North Honan road and the General Hospital, which has been partially bunded since 1876, as proof of the success of such work, as there has been little or no silting up there since.

The importance of the measures advocated by the Council is so self-evident that I have every confidence that you will continue to give their representations your valuable support; it will be considered a matter for much regret should the Native Authorities ultimately not see their way to authorize their adoption.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and Senior Consul.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 28th May 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have received a letter from the Taotai, in which he begs me to acquaint you that to-morrow, the 29th inst., officers deputed by him, together with the Harbour Master, will hold an inspection of the Soochow Creek with the object of accurately ascertaining which portions of it most require dredging, and of deciding on the places to fix boundary stakes marking out the limits of the banks. He adds that, after this is done, it is proposed to invite the Council to make an examination of the boundaries for themselves.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Senior Consul and
H.B.M. Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 30th May 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst., intimating that the Taotai had requested you to acquaint the Council of his intention to have the Soochow Creek inspected on the 29th inst., in order to ascertain where it most requires to be dredged and to decide where boundary stakes should be placed marking out the limits of the banks.

The Council desire me to request that you will thank the Taotai in their name for this information, and they will feel much obliged if he will let them know before anything is definitely settled, so that their surveyor may have an opportunity of inspecting and reporting upon the proposed boundaries of the Creek.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul General
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 6th July 1888.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 28th May last in which you advised me what the Native Authorities were doing about the Soochow Creek dredging, I have now the honour to inquire if you have received any further information on the subject.

The Council are taking steps to have plans and estimates prepared for the new Garden bridge and for the bridge to connect the South and North Shanse roads; and as it is necessary for this purpose that they should know exactly what depth and width it is proposed to give the Creek at these points, they would be much obliged if you will ascertain what is the decision the Native Authorities have come to about them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul General,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, 8th November 1888.

SIR,—Referring to the conversations I have recently had the honour to have with you about the Soochow Creek, I shall be much obliged if you can obtain for me any definite information about the intentions of the Native Authorities with regard to the continuation of the work of dredging the Creek. My reason for this request is that the Council wish to take steps for the immediate construction of the proposed new bridge at the Shanse road and to lay out the continuation of the North Soochow road between the North Honan and North Shanse roads so far as they can do so without interfering with the foreshores of the Creek.

The Council are also laying out some new roads and extending old ones in the neighborhood of the North side of the Creek, and some of the mud taken out during the excavations would come in very usefully for raising these roads, if it could be obtained, and it might be an advantageous mode of disposing of such a quantity as could be used for this purpose.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, November 16th, 1888.

SIR,—I communicated to the Taotai the substance of your letter of the 8th inst., requesting information about the intentions of the Native Authorities with regard to the continuation of the work of dredging the Soochow Creek.

I have now received an acknowledgement of my letter from the Taotai, who states that he has given directions to the deputy charged with the works on the Soochow Creek, to report on the subject and that on the receipt of this report he will communicate the purport for transmission to you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M. Consul-General and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

British Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 4th December, 1888.

SIR,—At the request of the Mixed Court Magistrate I have countersigned the accompanying three copies of a Proclamation warning Chinese Subjects against obstructing the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and Sinza by depositing on the foreshore rafts of bamboo, wooden poles, or heaps of stones.

You will probably deem it advisable to have these proclamations posted, under direction of the Police, for general information.

I enclose Translations of the Magistrate's letter and of the Proclamation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

[*Translation.*]

From Mixed Court Magistrate, Ts'ai to Consul-General Hughes.

Dated K.S. XIV, 11.2 (4th December 1888.)

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith three copies of a Joint Proclamation, which I shall be obliged by your stamping after perusal, and

transmitting to be affixed in the regular manner. It is to notify all persons dwelling on the banks of the Soochow Creek, that they are not permitted to deposit or heap up thereon wooden or bamboo rafts, etc.

I have, etc.,

(Card of Mixed Court Magistrate Ts'AI.)

Translated by

M. F. A. FRASER.

[*Notification by*]

Wêng.—Expectant Sub-prefect with Military Jurisdiction, Kiangsu, General Superintendent of the Soochow Creek Works :

Wang.—Expectant Sub-prefect Kiangsu, Adjoint Superintendent of the Soochow Creek Works ;

Ts'ai.—Brevet Prefect, Expectant Independent Department Magistrate of the Mixed Court at Shanghai.

P'ei.—Officiating District Magistrate of Shanghai, Independent Departmental Magistrate, and Expectant Sub-Prefect.

Whereas the Woosung Creek, also called the Soochow Creek, is in pursuance of instructions received from the High Authorities, to be dredged, and the lands bordering on it to be accurately delimited, and whereas, on the banks of the said Creek, from the Great Bridge to the Sinza Bridge, the people dwelling on the banks, both North and South, are in the habit of depositing and heaping up rafts of bamboo or wood, and piles of stones, in such a manner as to make it easy for an obstruction by the silting-up of mud to be caused through the action of the constantly rising and receding tides, and whereas it is now necessary, as the dredging operations are to be commenced immediately, to remove these obstructions to another place without loss of time. Now therefore this proclamation is issued to notify all persons of the same before-hand, and notice is hereby given to all persons, all traders, all *tipaos* residing at or belonging to the places above mentioned, that they must, in obedience hereto, at once remove to, and deposit in, another place, all rafts of wood or bamboo, all heaps of stones, and other obstructions whatsoever, and that from now henceforth they will not be permitted to place or to keep such obstructions on the said banks of the Creek, as they cause detriment to the water-channel, and if any shall wilfully disobey, he shall be brought to justice and duly punished, no indulgence being shown to him. Let all tremblingly obey. Kwang Sü XIV year 10th moon 29th day (2nd December 1888).

Seal of the District Magistrate
of Shanghai.

MINUTES OF MEETING in the Municipal Board Room between Mr. UNG, Taotai's Deputy, Mr. ZEE LAN CHA, Mr. A. G. WOOD, Chairman of the Council, Mr. CLARK, Municipal Surveyor, and Mr. SENG, Interpreter, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th January 1889.

Mr. UNG produced a map of the Soochow Creek between the Honan road and Garden bridges and proceeded to explain in reference to the North bank of the Creek that according to the Chinese plans the roadway, which was from 30 *a* 50 ft. wide, encroached, as was shown on his map, on the foreshore of the Creek and was in such places on Chinese Government land.

It was intended to have re-measurements made of the properties bordering on the Creek, but as this would take considerable time Mr. UNG wished to place boundary stones in the roads to show the demarcation between a width of 30 ft. for the Municipal road and the foreshore claimed by the Chinese Government. These stones would be buried in the ground, and it was not intended to abstract any of the land from public use.

For the Council, it was explained that this road was made about 15 years ago by agreement with the landowners who surrendered the land required for it. The Chairman further stated that it was not in his power to assent to the proposal to place any boundary stones in the road which was claimed to its present dimensions by the Council, but he did not see any objection to the Native Authorities placing boundary stones on the outside of the present road and bunding.

The foreshores of the South bank were then discussed, Mr. UNG'S proposal to place boundary stones on the outside edge of the present road being objected to. The question of the limit of the foreshore was one which did not come under the cognizance of the Council, but was one which lay between the Chinese Government and the owners of the land, and the Council assumed that the Title Deed constituted proof of valid ownership.

Mr. UNG then referred to the request made by the Council to be allowed to use the mud taken out of the Creek for filling up the new roads in Hongkew, and when it was explained that this mud would not be made use of for filling up any of the foreshores, it was arranged that the Municipal contractors should be instructed to apply for it.

Mr. UNG then produced a map of the section of the Creek between the Honan and Fuhkien road bridges. The position of the new Shansi road bridge was explained and approved of.

With regard to the proposed continuation westward of the North Soochow road, Mr. UNG'S map showed that this was on what was claimed as Chinese Government land and he therefore requested that the Council would defer making up the road until the various owners of the adjacent properties had been consulted and their lands measured. The Chairman stated that he would refer Mr. UNG'S request to the Council and wished to know how long these references would take; negotia-

tions about the road already extended over about 18 months and little progress had been made. The land had been surrendered to the Council by the registered owners, and while the Council would go on with making up the road, it was not their intention to interfere with the River-bank until a decision about the line of foreshore was arrived at.

Mr. UNG next produced a map of the mouth of the Creek from the Garden bridge, also a plan stated to be that of the Council made in 1868, and it was claimed that more land had since been enclosed, but this was not admitted, the slopes of the Bund probably accounting for the difference, and discussion turned on what would be the proper direction to give to the mouth of the Creek.

Mr. UNG was in favor of cutting away the bank in front of the Public Garden, also that of the opposite side. The Municipal plan was then referred to and it was explained that the line traced on it was that recommended by a number of competent engineers as providing best for a good mouth to the Creek and a regular flow of the flood and ebb-tides, and that in proposing it the Council were considering not so much the acquisition of more land for the Public Garden as the conservation of the Soochow Creek, and Mr. UNG appeared satisfied with these explanations.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. HUGHES had suggested to the Taotai that a conference should be held to discuss the question of dealing with the Soochow Creek and perhaps thus arrive at a decision of what would be best to do for its conservation, and he expressed the hope that Mr. UNG would induce the Taotai to assent to such a step at an early date.

[*Translation.*]

Proclamation by WÊNG (UNG), an Expectant Sub-Prefect, Kiangsu, Director of the Soochow Creek River Works; WANG, an Expectant Sub-Prefect, Adjoint Director of River Works; T'SAI, Mixed Court Magistrate, etc., etc., etc.; and P'EI, District Magistrate of Shanghai, etc., etc., etc.

Whereas, in consequence of orders received from the Taotai, Superintendent of Customs, for the dredging of the Channel of the Soochow Creek, a Committee has been duly appointed and operations have been commenced, and a Machine Dredging-vessel is now at work in deepening the centre of the channel in sections, beginning from the Garden Bridge westwards to the Sinza Bridge, and whereas cargo-boats have been hired to convey the mud dredged up from place to place, and to facilitate their movements it is necessary that plenty of clear space should be left on the Creek. And whereas the boat stationed in the Creek, and the wood rafts lying by the north bank, are in such numbers and crowded so closely together that to dredge this section of the channel it will be necessary to remove the boats lying there to another place, and also to raise on to

the bank the rafts lying alongside it, and whereas in order to avoid collisions it will also be necessary for all steam-launches coming from the east to slow down at the Garden Bridge, and for all steam-launches coming from the west to slow down at the Sinza Bridge. Now therefore besides directing all native boat charterers or agents to order the boatmen to act in accordance herewith, this Proclamation is issued, to notify all boatmen and others on native boats to remove to another section, and on steam-launches passing to and fro to slow down at the places above directed, and not to disobey.

A Special Proclamation.

Kwang-sü XIV year, 12 moon, 7 day (8th January 1889.)
(Seals of Shanghai District Magistrate and Mixed Court Magistrate.)
Translated by M. F. A. Fraser.

North Honan Road.

From the correspondence published at pages 178-80 of the Municipal Report for last year it will be seen that the Taotai refused to allow the Council for 1887 to drain and light the North Honan road between the Tiendong road and the Canton Garden, claiming it as Chinese Government property, but he undertook that the work should be done at his own expense by Mr. Y. Ching-chong, who has leased all the Government land in that locality.

No steps having been taken by Mr. Y. Ching-chong towards carrying out this arrangement, the present Council wrote to him in November, calling upon him to have the road drained and lighted and offering at the same time to do the work if he preferred it, as the road could not be allowed to remain in its present state for another summer.

Soon afterwards the Taotai informed the Senior Consul that he wished the Council to undertake the draining and lighting of the road and that he had instructed Mr. Y. Ching-chong to make the necessary arrangements with them; and provision has been made in the Budget for 1889 for having the work done.

The following is the correspondence on the subject:—

Shanghai, 22nd November 1888.

Sir,—I am directed to call your attention to the state of the North Honan road, which in wet weather becomes almost impassable beyond the Tiendong road owing to the want of a proper drain, and in hot weather the stench from the

stagnant water which remains on it after rains is a serious danger to the health of those living in the neighborhood.

In October 1887 the Taotai informed the Senior Consul that you had undertaken to light and drain the road at your own expense and that if you failed to do so properly the Council would be asked to have the work done.

As nothing has yet been done towards providing a proper drain for the road I am desired to ask you when you intend to have the work done, as the road cannot be allowed to remain in its present state during another summer.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Mr. Y. CHING CHONG.

Shanghai, 29th November 1888.

SIR,—Referring to the letter which I addressed to you on the 22nd inst. I am now directed to inform you that the Council intend to drain and light the North Honan road, the Taotai having intimated to the Senior Consul that he has no objection to their undertaking the work.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

Mr. Y. CHING CHONG,
Shanghai.

British Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 3rd December 1888.

SIR,—On the 27th ultimo, when I had the pleasure of seeing you in this office, I informed you that at an interview which I had with the Taotai on the previous day, he had expressed a wish that the draining and lighting of the North Honan Road should be undertaken by the Council, and that for this purpose an arrangement should be made by the Council with the lessee of the adjoining property, Y. Ching Chong. To this you assented on the part of the Council. I also mentioned that the Taotai had at the interview expressed a favorable opinion

of the Council's proposal to construct a bridge across the Creek opposite the Shansi Road, that he had also stated that the dredging of the Creek above the Garden Bridge would be proceeded with during the cold weather, and that the mud dredged from the Creek would be given to the Council, if required for road improvements. And I further informed you that the Taotai had renewed the promise, which he had previously made to me, to allow the mud flat in front of the Public Garden to be taken in, and had stated that for this purpose he would depute an official to meet a representative from the Municipal Surveyor's Department to mark out boundaries and make other necessary arrangements. You expressed your satisfaction with the Taotai's views on these subjects, remarking, however, that as to the Garden, although the additional ground would be welcome, the chief object of the Council was to secure such an adjustment of the mouth of the Creek as would promote the flow of water and improve the navigable channel.

I then wrote to the Taotai on these several points, communicating to him also the substance of your observations.

I have now received his reply, in which, without referring specially to all the points mentioned in my letter, he says in general terms that he has directed Mr. Deputy Wêng (Ung) and Mr. Y. Ching Chong to put themselves in communication with the Council regarding the matters of bridge construction and road improvement, and of draining and lighting, with which they have respectively to deal in accordance with his instructions.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 7th December 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. recapitulating what took place at the interview which I had with you on the 27th ult. and informing me that you had since written to the Taotai about the matters then discussed, and that in reply he informed you that he had directed Mr. Deputy Wêng and Mr. Y. Ching-chong to arrange with the Council about them in accordance with his instructions.

I had already communicated to the Council the information which you gave me on the 27th ult. regarding the dredging of the Soochow Creek, the promise made by the Taotai to allow the mud flat in front of the Public Garden to be taken in, and of his approval of the proposed bridge across the Soochow Creek; which they received with much satisfaction, and I have now to tender you our best thanks for your kind assistance in getting these matters arranged.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 27th December 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to hand you a translation of a letter from the Taotai relating to the arrangements which Mr. Ching Chong has been instructed to make with the Council for the lighting and draining of the locality known as the North Honan Road.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General
and Senior Consul.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

KUNG Taotai to Consul-General HUGHES.
December 21st, 1888 (K. Hs. XIV. 11.19.)

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to your letter requesting me to desire Mr. Y. Ching-chong to come and consult with the Municipal Council, as Mr. WOOD, the Chairman of that Body had informed you at a personal interview that they fully concurred in the desirability of co-operation with Mr. Ching-chong in improvements in the Honan road draining and lighting. I have already acknowledged the receipt of that letter and have sent him instructions in the sense desired by you.

As the locality concerned, that of the old Railway road and the Tien How Kung Temple, is one where the foreign settlement is coterminous with native Chinese houses and roads beyond its limits, it is very important that such arrangements should be concluded with the Municipal Council, as may ensure mutual satisfaction in all regards. I have directed the attention of Mr. Ching-chong to this in the instructions which I have sent to him, and shall be obliged if you will be so good as to invite the Municipal Council to place themselves in communication with him to discuss the objects they have in view.

I have, etc.,

(Card of KUNG Taotai).

Translated by

(Sgd.) M. F. A. FRASER.

Note.—In the above Mr. Ching-chong is incidentally referred to as holding the rank of a sub-prefect.

BRIDGES ON THE OLD RAILWAY ROAD.

In November last the Senior Consul, at the request of the Council, addressed the Taotai directing his attention to the dilapidated condition of some of the bridges on the Old Railway, and asked him to have them repaired.

The Taotai had the bridges inspected, and finding that a good many of them were in bad order he agreed to have the most necessary repairs done at once, and undertook to have all the bridges put into good order in the course of next spring.

The following is the correspondence on the subject:—

Shanghai, 22nd November 1888.

SIR,—The attention of the Council having been directed to the state of bridges on the Old Railway road between this and Woosung, some of which are now much dilapidated and are becoming unsafe for public traffic, I have the honour to request that you will address the Taotai on the subject with the view of getting him to have the bridges repaired, as he did in December 1884.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

Her Majesty's Consulate-General,

Shanghai, 30th November 1888.

SIR,—On receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the dilapidated condition of some of the bridges on the Old Railway road, I wrote to the Taotai on the subject, and have now received a reply, copy of which I enclose.

It will be observed that he has directed the road to be inspected, and the repairs are to be made at once wherever necessary.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
Her Majesty's Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Shanghai Municipal Council.

KUNG, Taotai, to Consul-General HUGHES.

November 29th, 1888 (Kuang Hsü XIV, 10, 26).

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 22nd November of your letter conveying the request of the Municipal Council that, in accordance with established precedent, the Old Railway road between Shanghai and Woosung may be directed to be mended, the bridges becoming constantly more dangerous for travelling and being in a very bad condition.

During the winter of 1884 (X Kuang Hsü) when SHAO, Taotai, (since then promoted) was Intendant of Circuit, Mr. LI HSIU-CHUNG, Magistrate, was deputed to inspect and repair thirteen wooden bridges on the Government road from Shanghai to Woosung. And during the winter of 1886, (XII Kuang Hsü), I myself, having learned that these wooden bridges were in a dilapidated condition, again deputed Mr. WANG PIN, Expectant Assistant Magistrate, to hold an inspection and put them into complete repair, and I am at a loss to understand how they can have again got into such bad condition within less than two years from the date of their last renewal.

It is extremely important that investigation should be made of this matter, in order to ascertain if during the preceding repairs the work was done in a dishonest and perfunctory manner, employing unsound wood which would soon decay, or if the materials have been removed by thieves; and that on this occasion the repairs should be done in the most solid and satisfactory manner.

I am therefore sending instructions to Mr. WANG PIN, who was the Deputy of repairs on the last occasion, to proceed with the Pao Shan Magistrate to the spot to hold a personal investigation, and to order any repairs which may be found necessary to be executed with all possible celerity.

Requesting that you will be so good as to communicate the above to the Municipal Council.

I have, etc.,
Card of KUNG, Taotai.

Translated by
(Signed) M. F. A. FRASER.

Her Majesty's Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 13th December 1888.

SIR,—Referring to previous correspondence on the subject, I have the honour to enclose translation of a further letter from the Taotai relative to the repairs of bridges on the old Woosung Railroad Track.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
H.M. Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman,
Municipal Council, etc., etc., etc.

[*Translation.*]

From KUNG, Taotai, to Consul-General HUGHES.
(Dated K. S. XIV, 11, 9),
11th December 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to your letter of 22nd November, conveying the request of the Municipal Council that orders might be issued, according to precedent, for the repair of the bridges on the Railway road from Shanghai to Woosung, which are in a dilapidated condition and becoming daily more dangerous for traffic.

On receipt of the letter above referred to, I sent instructions, as I informed you in my reply at the time, to Mr. WANG, Deputy in charge of the repairs on a

previous occasion, to proceed to the spot to hold an inspection. He now reports that he sent for workmen and carefully examined the bridges, ascertaining that out of the number of bridges repaired during the winter of the XII year of Kuang Sü, seven are not in bad condition, but that six wooden bridges, being Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9, are suffering from serious decay. As winter is coming on immediately, he requests that action be deferred until the beginning of spring.

I have in consequence instructed him to execute such slight repairs where broken parts of the above bridges are in need of it, as will make them fit for passenger traffic, and to hand in an exact estimate next spring for complete repairs. I shall be obliged if you will communicate the above to the Municipal Council.

I have, etc.,

Card of KUNG, Taotai.

Translated by M. F. A. FRASER.

SURVEY OF HONGKEW.

At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, Mr. A. G. WOOD, when proposing the passing of the Municipal Accounts for 1887, referred to the Survey of Hongkew, then being made by Mr. DOWDALL, and mentioned that the sheets of it had been for some time in the hands of the Council, but that they had not been accepted as completed in the manner called for by the agreement, and that a test survey of a section was then being made.

The test survey of the section selected was received in April last, and as it was found to differ materially from the plan of the same section made by Mr. DOWDALL, he was informed that the Council could not accept the sheets sent in by him, and he was recommended to take back all his plans and field books, and to make a correct plan of Hongkew at the average rate of about four sheets per month.

This was agreed to by Mr. DOWDALL, but owing to unavoidable causes he has been rather delayed in making the necessary new sheets of the Survey; they are now nearly finished, and he expects to send in the completed, correct plan in the course of the next six or eight months.

Disturbance by Japanese Sailors.

On Thursday the 19th August a slight disturbance took place in Hongkew between the natives and some sailors on leave from two Japanese men-of-war, but no one was seriously injured although knives or dirks were drawn by the Japanese.

On Friday the 20th the sailors attempted to rescue one of their comrades who had been arrested by the constable on duty at the Garden bridge for committing a nuisance on the foreshore there, which led to a fight taking place between the sailors and the police, in the course of which one Indian and one native constable were wounded with knives. Eight of the sailors were arrested and taken to the Hongkew Station, but were subsequently given up to the Japanese Consul, who promised to send them on board their ships to be punished by their own officers, as he had no power to deal with them himself.

The annexed correspondence with the Japanese Consul about the affair gives particulars of the sentences passed upon the men by the Naval Authorities.

Shanghai, 31st July 1888.

Sir,--With regard to the disturbances made by sailors from the Japanese Men-of-war on the afternoons of Thursday the 18th and Friday the 19th inst., during the second of which some members of the Municipal Police Force were seriously injured, I shall be glad if you will inform me if the offenders have been adequately punished and if you have taken steps for the prevention of such disturbances in the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

K. Takahira, Esq.,
H.I.J.M.'s Consul,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 3rd August 1888.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 31st ult. relative to the late disturbance in which sailors belonging to Japanese men-of-war were concerned, I beg to say in reply that the statements made to me by the Municipal Police officers have been forwarded to the Naval Authorities for their investigation. The unfortunate absence of the Admiral has caused a delay in this enquiry, but I shall have pleasure in at once informing you of the result when communicated to me.

With regard to the prevention of disturbance in the future, I have requested the due attention of our Naval Officers here and I doubt not that they will exercise every possible care to that end.

Meantime, I beg to express my great regret that sailors belonging to our men-of-war should have been in any way concerned in any disturbance.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. TAKAHIRA,
H.I.J.M.'s Consul.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 14th August 1888.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 3rd instant, I have now the honour to state, that of the eight sailors charged in respect of the late disturbance, two have been found guilty and sentenced to fourteen (14) days jiu kanso (severe confinement) with reduction of five-tenths of their pay during that period.

Two sailors, not charged, but concerned in the disturbance and found guilty have been sentenced to three months' jiu kinko (severe imprisonment) with suspension of pay and all other allowances during that period.

Six other sailors also not charged, but concerned in the disturbance and found guilty, have been sentenced to twenty-one days jiu kanso (severe confinement) with reduction of five-tenths of their pay during that period.

The employé of the Postmaster against whom the charge was lodged with me has, considering his minority, been sentenced to one month's jiu kinko (severe imprisonment) with a penalty of two yen.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. TAKAHIRA,
H.I.J.M.'s Consul.

To A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, 15th August 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3rd and 14th inst. giving full particulars of the sentences passed by your Naval Authorities upon the sailors found guilty in connection with the disturbances in Hongkew, and I have to request that you will convey to them the thanks of the Council for their prompt action in this matter, which I trust will effectually prevent for the future the occurrence of any disturbances of the same kind.

I have also to thank you for the information about the sentence passed upon the employé of the Postmaster, who was charged with assaulting one of the Police.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

K. TAKAHIRA, Esq.,
H.I.J.M.'s Consul,
Shanghai.

FOREIGN PAWN-SHOP.

In April last the Council granted a licence to a Foreigner to open a pawn-shop in the Honan road. The Native Authorities objected to this, and addressed the Senior Consul requesting him to move the Council to cancel the licence, but this they declined to do. The business, however, did not turn out to be profitable and the establishment was closed shortly afterwards.

Annexed is the correspondence on the subject :—

H.M. Consulate General,
Shanghai, 27th April 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose translation of a Despatch which I have received from the Taotai, on the subject of the intended opening by a Foreigner of a Pawnbroker's shop under license from the Municipal Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
Senior Consul,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

A. G. WOOD, Esq.,
Chairman,
Municipal Council.

Translation of Despatch from KUNG, Taotai, to Consul-General HUGHES. Dated K.S. XIV., 3, 16. (26th April 1888.)

(Received same day.)

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following petition from Chinese pawn-brokers at Shanghai, comprising the following hongs: T'ung Ch'ang, Kung Yih, Kwang Ta, Hêng Hwo, Fuh Lai, Yih Ch'ang, Teh Ta, Ngan Shêng, Hêng Teh, Kung T'ai, Hêng Fêng, Yüan Lai, Yên Ta, K'ing Feng, K'ing Yü, Tung Yüan, Tung Hwo, Tung Teh, Hieh Tai, Yih Mao, Ts'in T'ai:—

"Although there exists no Treaty stipulation authorising foreign traders to "open pawn-broking establishments in China, on 21st April the "Shen Pao" "published an advertisement that a foreign merchant would on the 27th April, on "the authority of a licence from the Municipal Council, open a pawn-shop under "the style of "Kung Ta" next door to the old Police Station, Honan Road, "British Settlement, for the reception on pledge of all descriptions of goods or "articles great or small.

"The Petitioners observed this advertisement with great surprise, as knowing "that foreigners are not in the habit of pawning articles in such establishments, "they see that the object of this one must be to receive goods on pledge from Chinese "and so to appropriate and remove from Chinese hands their pawn-broking "business. The opening of such a shop, for which there is no authority in the "Treaty, they consider that they are justified in regarding as an illegal and "unwarrantable proceeding.

"Every Chinese subject who opens a pawnshop is bound to take out a licence "from the Chinese Government, for which he pays a fee. He is also bound to "receive Government deposits, the interest on which is devoted to Government "purposes, and to pay various monthly taxes in addition. The establishment now "being opened by a foreign merchant merely takes out a licence from the Municipal "Council, and is exempt from all the above expenses, viz.: for licence from the "Government, monthly contributions, and the care of Government deposits, and "it is evident that there is here an insidious attempt to injure the native pawn-shop "business in contempt of the Treaty.

"Owing to the large increase of late years in the number of unlicensed native "pawn-shops (押 *yah*,) the legitimate business of the Petitioners has already "been seriously encroached upon, causing them serious loss; in addition to which, "this year, in consequence of a decree from the Board of Revenue at Peking, they "have had to pay the Government dues for 20 years in advance. The latter call "they have cheerfully met, in recognition of the protection they expect to obtain "from the Government for their trade. This trade, however, they fear will utterly "collapse if the opening of pawn-shops by foreigners in opposition to Treaty be "not carefully looked into and measures taken to check it, and they are driven "by the circumstances above detailed to appeal to Your Excellency and to beg

" that an official despatch may be addressed to the British Consul-General " requesting him to give attention to this matter, so that by the prohibition of the " projected new establishment complained of, the Treaty may be respected and the " design to infringe it may be frustrated, to the great advantage of the pawn- " broking trade of China."

With reference to the above Petition I would observe that as such articles as clothes, head ornaments, household utensils and ornaments, in China, are different from those which foreigners use, it is evident from the words employed " the " reception on pledge of all descriptions of goods or articles great or small," that the intention of the foreign pawn-broker "Kung Ta" in opening a shop at Shanghai is to receive on pledge Chinese articles of clothing, head ornaments, utensils, etc., and thus to appropriate the Chinese pawn-broking business and deprive Chinese subjects of their profits from the trade in a manner which is not allowed by the Treaty. As this is certainly a thing which should not be permitted, I feel it my duty to request you, for the protection of the pawn-broking trade of China and the prevention of many troublesome disputes, to be good enough to move the Municipal Council to withdraw the licence issued and to notify "Kung Ta" that he should not open the shop which he intends.

I am sending instructions in the above sense to the Mixed Court Magistrate and the Shanghai Magistrate.

Requesting the favor of a reply,

I have, etc.,

(Stamp of Taotai.)

Translated by

(Signed) J. M. F. A. FRASER.

Shanghai, 8th May 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th April enclosing translation of a despatch from the Taotai objecting to the proposed opening by a Foreigner of a Pawn-shop in the Settlement under a licence granted by the Municipal Council.

The Taotai's despatch has been submitted to the Council who in reply desire me to request that you will inform him that there is no Treaty stipulation prohibiting Foreign Traders from opening Pawn-shops in China or from engaging in any other legitimate business.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. J. MORRISON,

Vice-Chairman.

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General,

and Senior Consul.

Agency for the Sale of Sulphur.

H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 28th January 1888.

Sir,—The Taotai has written to me upon the subject of the establishment of an agency at this Port for the sale of Formosan sulphur; I enclose précis of his letter, from which it will be seen that he wishes the Municipal Police to be informed of the arrangements which have made.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

To A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

[*Précis Translations.*]

Shanghai, 26th January 1888.

Sir,—The Governor of Formosa represents to me through H.E. the Viceroy at Nanking that he has received the Imperial permission to create an official monopoly in the Formosa sulphur interest under a system of export permits granted to traders, and that he has notified the other provincial Governments aocordingly. Application has now been made to the Governor through the Formosa Depôt for permission to establish a Sulphur Depôt at Shanghai, from which the Northern ports as well as these provinces will obtain their supplies. The contracting party, by name Yu Chung-fu, undertakes to dispose of a minimum of 5,000 piculs a year, during a trial period of one year, and to be responsible for all duties and *lekin* charges. Persons purchasing at the depôt will have to register their names and to give recognisances that the sulphur so purchased is for the manufacture of fireworks or for medical purposes, and guarantee that they will not use it for munitions of war or dispose of it to evil-disposed persons; and the names of the purchasers will be sent in a quarterly list for the head [Formosa] Depôt's information. The contracting party proposes that large quantities shall be sold under a permit issued by the Formosa office, but small quantities under a triplicate transit-pass issued from the Shanghai Depôt, and that he shall have power to complain to the local authorities if any persons endeavour to pass off spurious material as Formosa sulphur. The rules

(appended) under which the contractor proposes to act are approved by the Formosa Depôt, and a seal may be issued for his official use, as requested by him, at the various ports to which he may proceed in order to establish branch depôts. The Formosa head Depôt also supports the contractor's request that the different provincial authorities may be duly informed of the arrangements made, so as to facilitate the sale of the sulphur, subject to the usual penalties and confiscation in case of fraud or of selling other than authorised sulphur, whether by the contractor or others. H.E. the Governor of Formosa has acquainted the other provincial Governments in the above sense, and notifies the Nanking Viceroy of a first consignment of 1,000 piculs under charge of Yu Chnng-fu, the contractor in question; the Formosa Depôt has sent me similar information direct.

The contractor's consignment of 1,000 piculs arrived about six weeks ago, has paid duty, and is stored in a depôt in the north part of the Settlement. The contractor also requests me to move you, as Senior Consul, to acquaint the Municipal Police of the arrangements made, which I have now the honour to do.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) KUNG,
Taotai.

RULES.

1.—A depôt for the storage and sale of Formosa sulphur to be opened at Shanghai, with branch offices at Wuhu, Chinkaing, Chefoo, Tientsin, and Newchwang.

2.—The guaranteed minimum consumption of the about ports to be 5,000 piculs yearly.

3.—Other contractors may, on approved application, obtain similar privileges for other Provinces.

4.—The contractor is free to withdraw or continue after a year's trial.

5.—The contractor shall purchase at the rate of $3 (at 72) the picul net clean sulphur, with 20 per cent. allowance if not clean.

6.—The contractor shall have a seal for his official correspondence and for transit-passes.

7.—The Head Formosa Depôt to supply blank permits for distribution by the Shanghai Depôt, and the latter will issue triplicate transit-passes for all sales, sending in the office foils once a quarter.

8.—Security to be given by purchasers as above described, and a list of their names to be sent quarterly to the Head Depôt.

9.—The branch offices to have the right of complaining, if persons trading under false pretences in authorised Chinese or foreign sulphur interfere with their trade.

Distress in Kiangsu and Anhui.

H.B.M.'s Consulate-General,
Shanghai, 28th December 1888.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose nineteen copies of a Proclamation, issued by His Excellency the Viceroy Tsêng, calling for subscriptions from Chinese for the relief of the distressed districts in Kiangsu and Anhui.

At the request of the Mixed Court Magistrate I have countersigned these documents, and I beg you will kindly direct the Municipal Police to have them posted in conspicuous places throughout the Settlement.

I enclose for your information translation of the Proclamation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. J. HUGHES,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General.

To A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

[*Translation.*]

Proclamation by His Excellency Tsêng, Hereditary Noble of the Third Rank (Earl), Junior Guardian of the Heir Apparent, a President of the Board of War, an Official of the First Rank, Viceroy of the Liang-kiang Provinces (Kiangsu, Anhui and Kiang-si.)

An Earnest Proclamation.—*Whereas* during the present year, in the Provinces of Kiangsu and Anhui, while the high lands have been parched with drought, the low lands bordering on the Yellow River have been deluged, causing dearth and desolation of which the description is painful to hear, and the sight painful to look upon; *and whereas* I, the Viceroy, having memorialised the Throne, have been favoured with a special gracious permission to detain the tribute rice going to the Capital by the way of River transport, and have also received instructions from the Board of Revenue that there will be awarded official honours and distinctions in recompense of money privately subscribed, consisting in official titles, degrees of Student of the Imperial Academy and of Honorary Licentiate, and the decoration of the Peacock's Feather, to animate others to these patriotic sacrifices,—an Imperial boon which has been met with the unanimous and heartfelt acclamation of officials and people,—*whereas* the distressed districts in Kiangsu and Anhui extend nearly one thousand *li*, over an area which it is hopeless to reach with the 10,000 piculs of tribute rice North of the Yangtsze, while the cry of misery grows louder as the coldest winter weather hastens on apace. *Now therefore* I, the Viceroy,

after the most careful reflection, convinced that the only thing to be done is to spread far and wide the exhortation to private charity to supplement the insufficiency of the public grant, *do hereby by this earnest Proclamation* entreat all rich persons, all gentry, all soldiers and people, to bear in mind the old sayings that "on the house of the charitable a hundred blessings shall descend," and "he that doeth well he shall have happiness." Oh! Ye who have wealth and high position, and who, with hearts full of compassion, use to delight in benevolent and noble deeds, be ye sure that long has Heaven, who sees us all, looked down on you with approval! Well did ye respond to the cry for help from distant Shansi, Honan, Shantung and Chihli. How liberally your subscriptions poured in, and how many were the lives that you saved! The misery is now nearer to us, and more pressing. I look, therefore, with all the more confidence, to your coming forward, with emulous ardour, stirred by the noble enthusiasm of charity, to contribute what you can to help to the comfort of a warm bed all those unfortunates who without such help must die of hunger in a ditch. I call upon you on your part to do all you can to second the gracious benevolence of His Majesty the Emperor, who imitates Heaven in his desire that the people may live and not die! I look to you with full confidence; *and I do hereby proclaim* to all, that official rewards and distinctions will be awarded, in accordance with Regulations, for all money contributed, *and that* in the case of all contributions of extra magnitude, a Memorial will be immediately presented applying for extraordinary recognition; so that all may be stimulated to do likewise by the public announcement of your rewards. *Let all* therefore put forward their best endeavours, and let there be no watching of each other and waiting to begin!—An urgent and special Proclamation.

For universal notification. Kwang-sü XIV year, 10th moon, 26th day (29th November 1888.)

(Official Seal of the Viceroy of the Two Kiang Provinces.)

Translated by M. F. A. Fraser.

Eurasian School.

Report of the Trustees of the Eurasian School for the year 1888.

We have much pleasure in rendering to the Municipal Council our annual report of the Eurasian School. The work in connection with it has been carried on as usual, and with an encouraging degree of success.

In the early part of the year there was a falling-off in the attendance of the day scholars, but the number has increased again, so that there are now 58 in all on the roll, of whom 11 are boarders, the whole consisting of 51 boys and 7 girls.

Their education has been efficiently conducted by Mrs. LANNING, and in part by Miss HOGAN, who left the school on 1st September, and was then succeeded by Mrs. YOUNGSON.

The institution has been under our constant superintendence, both in the way of visitation and personal teaching.

The various branches enumerated from year to year, such as Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Composition, Drawing, Bible instruction, etc., have been carefully taught, and the scholars as a whole have shown considerable proficiency. Seven of them have been placed under the tuition of Mr. LANNING in the Anglo-Chinese school, and, as might have been expected, have made gratifying progress.

The health of the boarders has been uniformly good throughout the year.

It may be interesting to state that from time to time one or more of the elder scholars leave the school for different positions in life or for the Home Lands, and encouraging reports have been received as to their conduct and ability. There will be removals of this kind during the present year, but we are pleased to think they are fairly well fitted for whatever posts they may be required to fill, and their training in the Eurasian School will thus be a cause for thankfulness to themselves and to their parents and guardians, as well as satisfactory to the Trustees and teachers of the Institution.

The balance in hand at the close of the year, is larger than was expected owing to the considerable amount of fees derived from the school, and it would have been more were it not partly for bad debts, and partly from the attendance and pay being less than the average during a portion of the year. As it is, the school is economically conducted, and we are looking for an increase in the number of scholars, which is surely possible in the circumstances of the case, while we are hoping to enlarge and improve the accommodation for the purpose. This will cause a heavy drain on the funds we have on hand. Our chief concern, however, is to instruct the children under our care in the knowledge that will be of the highest advantage to them, and fit them for whatever spheres of usefulness may be within their reach.

We subjoin a summary of accounts of the school, duly audited, and beg a continuance of the grant kindly accorded to us by Municipal Council, as indispensable for the maintenance of the school in a state of efficiency, and for the repair and enlargement of the buildings that are freely ceded to us through the generosity of Mr. HANBURY.

WM. MUIRHEAD,
ARTHUR E. MOULE,
H. C. HODGES.

Summary of Account in Connection with the Eurasian School for the year 1888.

Receipts.

Jan. 1st.	To Balance from old account	$	803.34
Dec. 31st.	„ Fees for Boarders	„	1,578.40
	„ Do. „ Day Scholars	„	467.00
	„ Sale of Books, etc.	„	70.82
	„ Municipal Council	„	1,200.00
	„ Bank Interest	„	33.61
		$	4,153.17

Expenditure.

By Paid Teachers	$	960.00		
„ Board of Scholars	„	574.00		
„ Servants	„	444.00		
„ Fuel and Light	„	93.72		
„ Washing	„	120.00		
„ Clothing, Shoes, etc.	„	120.90		
„ School Material and Furniture	„	203.10		
„ Rates and Repairs	„	161.15		
„ Anglo-Chinese School	„	368.47		
„ Water and Fittings	„	69.80		
„ Insurance	„	13.70		
„ Medicines	„	8.80		
„ Annual Treat and Various	„	54.73		
„ Advertising	„	1.50	3,193.87	
To Balance on hand			$	959.30

WM. MUIRHEAD,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
C. THORNE.

10th January 1888.

Margaret Williamson Memorial Hospital.

Shanghai, November 1888.

Sir,—We take the liberty of handing you herewith a copy of the recently published report of the "Margaret Williamson Memorial Hospital," which will show you the nature and character of the work being done by that benevolent institution. Though its funds are sufficient to render it independent of external assistance if continued on its present limited scale, we are so well satisfied of the desirability of enlarging its accommodation to enable it to extend its benefits to the constantly increasing applicants for relief, that we venture to bring the subject to your notice, and to express the hope that your Council will contribute your aid to the end by making provision in the next Municipal Budget for a donation proportionate to that granted to other charitable institutions here. Or, if this cannot be done, that the Council will support a resolution at the next ratepayers' meeting to authorize such an allowance. The Hospital is well and favourably known among the Chinese residents, and we feel certain that they especially would cheerfully approve of such a use of the public funds to which they so largely contribute.

We have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

A. C. WETMORE,
M. DRUMMOND,
M. OVERBECK,
M. BUCHANAN,
A. Y. SEAMAN,
ALICE WESTALL,
L. D. NICKELS,
H. BRAND,
M. M. HUGHES,
E. M. BELL, *Hon. Sec.*

Advisory Committee of the "Margaret Williamson Memorial Hospital."

A. G. Wood, Esq.,
Chairman of the Municipal
Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 31st December 1888.

MADAM,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter handing me a copy of the recently published report of the Margaret Williamson Memorial Hospital, and asking the Council to make provision in next year's budget for a donation to it, in order to enable you to enlarge its accommodation.

In reply, I beg to say that the Council regret that they are unable to comply with your request, as no contributions from the Municipal funds are ever made to charitable Institutions without special authority from the Ratepayers, but they recommend you to have a resolution brought forward at the Annual Meeting authorizing the Council to grant a donation to the Hospital, and they will be much pleased if the Ratepayers empower them to do so.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,

A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.

Mrs. BELL,
Hon. Secretary to the
Advisory Committee of the
Margaret Williamson Memorial Hospital.

REMOVAL OF GARBAGE.

The contract made in 1886, which expired on the 30th September, has been renewed for a further term of two years upon the same conditions as before, but an additional sum of $50 (Fifty Dollars) per month is allowed to the Contractor, as under the new Agreement he has to provide eight extra coolies for scavenging the streets in the Settlement.

The Inspector reports that during the past year the Contractor has performed his duties in a satisfactory manner and that very few complaints have been made about him or the coolies employed by him.

STUD CONTRACT.

The agreement with Messrs. SYMONS, SEWJEE & Co. for the supply of the ponies, etc., required for Municipal purposes terminates upon the 31st December 1889.

Municipal Staff.

Legal Adviser.—The agreement with Mr. A. Robinson as Legal Adviser to the Council was renewed for another year from the 1st March 1888 to the 28th February 1889.

Municipal Surveyor.—In November last Mr. C. B. Clark wrote to the Chairman tendering his resignation of the appointment of Municipal Surveyor on account of failing health, and asking to be relieved of his duties in April or May next. The letter was referred to the Works Committee for consideration and they submitted the following Minute to the Council :—

"At a meeting of the Works Committee in the Board Room on the 22nd instant the letter dated 17th November, from Mr. Clark notifying his desire to resign the situation as Surveyor on account of failing health, was read and considered.

"In passing it on to the Council for acceptance, the Committee desire to express their regret at losing Mr. Clark's services, and with it their appreciation of the capable manner in which Mr. Clark has fulfilled his duties and of the care and attention he has given them. In view of the circumstances under which Mr. Clark is resigning and to mark their sense of the services he has rendered to the Council during his long term of employment, extending over 23 years, the Works Committee desire to recommend that he should be awarded a gratuity of one year's salary, say Tls. 4,600, to be paid him when he is about leaving China.

"The next question considered was that of a successor to Mr. Clark, and the Works Committee think it desirable that notice of the vacancy should be advertised in the usual manner, and it is for the Council to decide if they will confine themselves to applications from places in China, Japan and the Straits, or or if they will extend the field of applications to England."

The Minute was approved of and it was decided to accept Mr. Clark's resignation and to grant him the gratuity recommended.

It was also decided to advertise in the local and home papers inviting applications for the appointment of Municipal Surveyor.

A letter was then written to Mr. Clark informing him of the above decision and expressing the regret of the Council at losing his services.

Applications for the post of surveyor have been invited by advertisement in the Local and Home Papers, which will be received at the Secretary's office here until the middle of March.

Assistant Inspector of Markets.—The Council have to regret the death in January of Mr. J. A. WEED, who was appointed Assistant Inspector of Markets in 1886, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he performed the duties entrusted to him whilst in the employment of the Council, it was decided to award his widow a gratuity of Tls. 630, or six months' pay.

Mr. G. CAMERON, who has had considerable experience in Hongkong in the inspection of cattle, etc., was appointed in March last to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. WEED.

Tax Department.—Mr. G. SKINNER was granted in May last nine months leave of absence.

A. G. WOOD,—*Chairman.*
M. ADLER.
YEEND DUER.
H. H. JOSEPH.
J. MACGREGOR.
G. J. MORRISON.
C. OVERBECK.
E. WHEELEY.

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

SHANGHAI, January 25th, 1889.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN BAND.

THE BOARD.

Messrs. E. G. VOUILLEMONT and P. BRUNAT resigned during the year, and the vacancies were filled by Messrs. J. COOPER and H. VINAY.

The Committee at present consists of the following gentlemen:—

Messrs. G. R. CORNER, *Chairman.*
J. COOPER,
G. HARLING,
H. H. JOSEPH,
R. DE MALHERBE,
J. L. SCOTT,
H. VINAY.

The Committee have had considerable difficulties to contend with during the year under notice. At the commencement of the season the Band numbered 23 musicians and the Bandmaster, and has gradually been reduced by death, sickness and desertion to 19, at which number it stands at present.

Mr. COSTA, whose Agreement did not expire until June 1890, left the Band in July last, and although the Committee were aided by the Consul for Portugal, they were unable to compel him to fulfil the unexpired term of his agreement.

One of the Manilamen deserted in October, 2 have died and 2 have been invalided.

Steps have taken to engage 6 more musicians to arrive here about the end of February next, which will allow the Bandmaster ample time to train the men for the Garden Concerts next season.

New Band-stand.

The Committee are glad to announce that a New Band-stand is in course of erection in the Public Garden, and they anticipate a great improvement in the music next year in consequence of the improved acoustic properties of the new building.

New Brass Instruments.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the Council have appropriated a sum of Taels 400 to cover the cost of new brass instruments.

Income and Expenditure.

The accounts herewith presented show a net Expenditure of Taels 6,017.83 against Taels 5,780.03 in 1887, being an increase over the appropriation of Taels 17.83. The Receipts for private performances of the Band have been Taels 1,518.68, against Taels 1,417.78 in 1887, an increase of Tls. 100.90. A detailed statement of the accounts and estimate for 1889 will be found on pages 191 and 192.

General Remarks.

The Band played 122 times in the Public Garden and in the Garden of the French Consulate-General and 15 times on the Cricket Ground. The conduct of the musicians has been very good. Signor Vela's Report for the year is appended.

Shanghaï, le 31 Décembre 1888.

RAPPORT AU "TOWN BAND COMMITTEE."

MESSIEURS,

Pendant l'année qui vient de s'écouler j'ai eu à lutter contre de nombreuses difficultés, comme chef de la "Town Band," en raison des morts, maladies ou désertions qui ont, en mainte occasions, considérablement réduit le nombre de mes musiciens. En dépit de ces circonstances fâcheuses, je crois pouvoir dire cependant que la "Town Band" s'est acquittée de ses devoirs à la satisfaction générale.

Voici le détail des services de l'année :

"BRASS BAND."

	Services.
Jardin de la Concession Anglaise... ...	100
" " " Française ...	22
Champ de Courses...	6
Régates	2
Cricket Club	15
Country Club	3
Services particuliers	29
Total ...	177

plus cinq parades des Volontaires.

ORCHESTRE.

Services particuliers	20

La "Town Band" a exécuté en tout 277 morceaux=ouvertures, fantaisies sur opéras, valses, quadrilles, polkas, galops et morceaux divers.

Veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'assurance de mon entier dévouement,

CHEV. M. VELA.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC BAND.

Receipts and Expenditure for 1888.

Expenditure.

Pay of Bandmaster	Tls.	1,800.00
„ Secretary	„	300.00
„ Musicians	„	5,093.64
„ „ for Extra Services at private performances of the Band	„	587.18
Rent of houses for the musicians and for Band practice ...	„	298.43
Purchase of musical instruments and repairs	„	78.44
Registration fees	„	8.01
Music and music paper	„	118.50
Wages of coolie	„	34.96
Advertising and Printing	„	61.08
Coal	„	105.63
Taxes	„	26.86
Medicines and Hospital expenses	„	30.23
Funeral Expenses	„	26.40
Passages of musicians to and from Manila	„	181.00
Gratuity to widow of deceased musician	„	36.55
Cost of uniforms	„	108.62
Insurance	„	12.50
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	„	128.48
		9,036.51

Deduct:

From French Municipal Council, Contribution	1,500.00	
Amount received for Services of the Band ...	1,518.68	
		3,018.68
	Tls. ...	6,017.83

J. A. POND,
Secretary,
Band Committee.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC BAND.

Estimate for 1889.

Pay:

Secretary	Tls	300.00	
Bandmaster	„	1,800.00	
Musicians	„	5,580.00	
„ for Extra Services	„	500.00	
Rent of houses for musicians and for Band practice...	„	300.00	
Repairs to Musical instruments	„	50.00	
Music	„	50.00	
Advertising and printing	„	70.00	
Coal	„	100.00	
Medicines and Hospital charges	„	50.00	
Fire insurance	„	12.50	
Passages of 6 men from Manila	„	150.00	
Uniforms	„	75.00	
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges	„	112.50	
			9,150.00

Deduct:

French Municipal Council Appropriation ...	„	1,500.00	
For Services of the Band	„	1,650.00	3,150.00
Taels ...			6,000.00

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSION

for the year 1888.

THE Fire Commission beg to submit the following report of the proceedings of the Fire Department for the year 1888.

THE BOARD.

The following gentlemen comprise the Board :

Messrs.	A. McLEOD...	...*Chairman.*
	C. J. ASHLEY	...*Chief Engineer.*
	R. F. THORBURN	...*Sec. Municipal Council.*
	R. DE MALHERBE	...*Sec. French Municipal Council.*

The Commission regret to record the death of Mr. J. BONABEAU, who had formed one of the Board for many years and rendered valuable assistance to his colleagues.

OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers was held on the 29th December 1887, when the following gentlemen were unanimously returned to serve for 1888 :—

Messrs.	C. J. ASHLEY	...	...*Chief Engineer.*
	G. W. NOËL	...	...*Second District Engineer.*
	C. BLONDIN	...	...*Third do.*

The following gentlemen were elected for 1889 on the 18th December 1888 :—

Messrs.	C. J. ASHLEY	...	...*Chief Engineer.*
	P. A. W. OTTOMEIER		...*Hongkew District Engineer.*
	G. W. NOËL	...	...*Second do.*
	C. BLONDIN...	...	...*Third do.*

New Bell-Tower.

A new Bell-Tower has been erected at the Hongkew Police Station.

Fire Parade.

A very successful and well-attended General Parade of the Brigade was held on the night of the 11th August, the cost of which was defrayed by special vote from the Council.

Watchmen at the Central Police Station.

The Board, considering that a great saving of time would be effected if men were permanently engaged to act as Watchmen on the Bell-Tower at the Central Police Station, addressed a letter to the Council on the subject, asking for their approval of the Board's suggestion. The Council approved of the scheme and authorized the extra expenditure that would be incurred. Two Manilamen are now on duty by day and night, and the upper part of the Bell-Tower has been covered in, forming a comfortable look-out for the men.

Alteration in the Constitution of the Fire Department.

At a General Meeting of the members of the Fire Department held in November last it was decided to alter Article III, so as to include the Bubbling Well, Carter and Sinza roads within the limits of the operations of the Fire Department, and also to alter Article IV so as to make a member of the Fire Department eligible for the post of District Engineer, irrespective of the locality in which he resides. The following is a copy of the New Articles, which have received the sanction of the Council:—

"Article III.—That the Foreign Settlements and Bubbling Well and Carter Roads, including Sinza, be divided into and known as the following Fire Districts:—

No. 1.—Hongkew, East of Seward road to Yangtszepoo.

No. 2.—Hongkew, West of Seward road.

No. 3.—English Settlement, Soochow Creek to Nanking road.

No. 4.—English Settlement, Nanking road to Yang-king-pang.

No. 5.—French Concession.

No. 6.—Bubbling Well and Carter roads including Sinza.

And the operations of the S. F. D. shall be within these limits, which shall not be passed except in cases of urgent necessity and by order of the Chief Engineer.

"Article IV.—That there be a Chief Engineer and three District Engineers, one for the English Settlement, one for Hongkew Settlement and one for the French Concession, the latter to be of equal standing; when a fire takes place the Engineer of the District in which it occurs shall take command until the arrival of the Chief Engineer."

Subscription from the Agents of the Fire-Engine "Victoria."

In January last Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Agents of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ld., informed the Board that in consequence of the heavy reductions in the rates of premium for fire insurance they would be reluctantly compelled to discontinue the annual subscription of Tls. 1,182 after the 31st March, and offering to place the Fire-Engine at the disposal of the Fire Department. It was decided to accept the use of the Fire-Engine, and to convey to the China Fire Insurance Co., Ld., the thanks of the Board for the very liberal subscription that they have paid for so many years.

Plant.

All of the Plant is in thorough working order. An invoice of hose, hose-couplings, leather belts, lamp and engine appurtenances has been received from America during the year.

The distribution of hose at the various engine-stations is as follows :—

No. 2 Engine Station, Hongkew,	1,200	feet	"Eureka"	rubber hose.
„ 4 „ Eng. Sett.,	1,200	„	„	„
„ 6 „ Fr. Concess.,	1,800	„	„	„
Victoria Fire-Engine, Eng. Sett.,	1,200	„	„	„
No. 1 Hook and Ladder Truck, English Settlement,	400	„	„	„
	500	„	carbolized	„
„ 2 Hook and Ladder Truck, Hongkew	450	„	„	„
	50	„	rubber hose.	
Steam Fire-Launch	700	„	„	
East Gate Station, Fr. Concession	400	„	carbolized	rubber hose.
West „ „ „	400	„	„	„

Water Hydrants.

The water hydrants have proved invaluable in stopping the spread of fires. The Council, under their new arrangements with the Water Works Company, have erected 18 additional hydrants during the year in the following roads :—Yunnan, Defence, Amoy, Seward, Hwakee, Yuenfong, Chaoufoong, Woosung, and Bubbling Well roads.

Donation.

The Board are pleased to acknowledge a donation of 100 Taels from Mr. Hanbury.

Contributions from Native Guilds.

The amounts received from Native Guilds show a falling-off of Tls. 210, compared with last year, Tls. 1,215 having been collected, against Tls. 1,425 in 1887.

Fires.

Unfortunately, fires have been of frequent occurrence during the year. In January a godown of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's, on the French Bund, in which a large quantity of valuable merchandize was

stored, was completely destroyed. In April 31 houses were burnt in the Hupeh road; in June the match factory of Messrs. Major, Brothers, at Sinza, and 35 houses in the Fuhkien road, and in October the general store of Sun Yuen in the Honan road, and 51 houses in the Fuhkien road. In all 196 houses have been destroyed by fire during the year.

The Brigade rendered valuable assistance in extinguishing the fire on board of the Steamer "Peking" in January last.

The usual table giving the number of houses burnt, etc., is appended:

	No. of Fires.	No. of General Alarms.	Houses burnt.
1888	58	28	196
1887	62	17	156
Increase	...	11	40
Decrease ...	4	...	...

The Fire Record will be found on pages 203–210.

Accounts.

The Net Expenditure for the year has been considerably in excess of the past, and the Board were compelled to appeal to the two Councils for extra grants to meet the cost of extra hose and engine appurtenances that it was found imperatively necessary to order at once. The following Summary will explain the increase in Expenditure and the falling-off in the Receipts.

Receipts for the year, excluding extra grants and balance from 1887	Tls. 5,951
against 1887	7,275
a falling-off of	Tls. 1,324

Viz., Agents of the "Victoria"	Tls. 887		
Native Guilds	210		
Miscellaneous	227		
Expenditure for the year		Tls. 8,298	
against 1887		7,059	
an increase of			Tls. 1,239
Viz., Cost of Plant	Tls. 1,963		
Less—Saving in working expenses	724		

The balance in hand on 31st December, Taels 85.29, has been carried forward to next year.

SHANGHAI FIRE

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for

Receipts.		Tls.	Tls.
Balance on hand 31st December 1887		...	332.88
Shanghai Municipal Council Appropriation ...		2,500.00	
Extra grant		1,599.76	
		4,099.76	
French Municipal Council Appropriation ...	750.00		
Extra grant ...	500.00		
		1,250.00	
Agents of the "Victoria" Fire Engine, Contribution for March quarter		295.50	
Subscription from the Taotai		400.00	
„ „ Native Guilds		1,215.00	
Contribution from Mr. Hanbury		100.00	
Proceeds of sale of old materials		76.14	
Blacksmith's work for Municipality		614.15	
			8,050.55
		Taels ...	8,383.43

DEPARTMENT.

Year ending 31*st December* 1888.

Expenditure.	Tls.	Tls.
Pay:—Secretary	300.00	
Department Engineer	1,980.00	
Natives.—Firemen, Engineers, Watchmen, Blacksmith, Strikers and Carpenter	2,849.55	
		5,129.55
Cost of Night Parade 456.30		
Less—Received from Municipal Council 456.30		
Uniform shirts	...	82.84
Coal, gas and oil	...	194.57
Repairs to plant	...	56.19
Materials for Blacksmith's use	...	205.07
Printing, Stationery and advertising	...	22.49
Rent...	...	104.77
Refreshments for Firemen at fires...	...	48.65
Coolies at fires and cleaning and drying hose ...	...	360.73
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous charges ...	...	130.47
		6,335.33
Plant—Invoice of hose, leather jackets, lamps lamp globes and helmets...	963.05	
Invoice of hose, couplings, tube brushes ladder straps, coupling rings, etc. ...	999.76	1,962.81
		8,298.14
Balance on hand 31st December 1888	...	85.29
	Taels...	8,383.43

SHANGHAI FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Estimate for 1889.

Receipts.

Shanghai Municipal Council ...	... Tls.	4,500.00
French „ „ ...	... „	1,250.00
The Taotai's Subscription ...	... „	400.00
Native Guilds „ ...	... „	1,200.00
Work for Shanghai Municipal Council.	„	500.00
Taels...		7,850.00
Balance from 31st December 1888 ..		85.29
Taels...		7,935.29

Expenditure.

Salaries, Wages, etc., Engineer and Secretary	... Tls.	2,280.00	
Watchmen at Central Station	... „	480.00	
Native Staff	... „	3,000.00	
		5,760.00	
Uniforms, Helmets and Belts...	... Tls.	100.00	
Coal, gas and oil	... „	250.00	
Repairs to Engines and plant...	... „	200.00	
Coolie-hire at fires, etc. ...	... „	300.00	
Materials for Blacksmith's work	... „	200.00	
Printing, Stationery and advertising	... „	25.00	
Refreshments (coffee, etc., at fires)	... „	50.00	
Rent	... „	150.00	
Miscellaneous charges... ...	... „	100.29	
			7,135.29
Plant, delivery hose, etc.	... ...		800.00
	Taels		... 7,935.29

A. McLEOD, *Chairman.*
C. J. ASHLEY, *Chief Engineer.*
R. F. THORBURN, *Secretary, M.C.*
R. DE MALHERBE, *Secretary, French M.C.*

Members of the Fire Commission.

J. A. POND, *Secretary.*

SHANGHAI, *December 31st*, 1888.

FIRE RECORD, 1888.

January 3rd.—12.05 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 62, Hankow Road. Incendiarism suspected. 1 house burnt. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

January 3rd.—1 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 735, Nanking Road. Caused by burning Joss-paper. Damage trifling. Put out by the inmates and Police. No general alarm given.

January 9th.—4.45 A.M. Fire broke out on board Steamer "Peking" lying at the C. M. Central Wharf. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

January 13th.—8.30 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 20, Boone Road. Caused by the over heating of a stove-pipe. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police. No general alarm given.

January 26th.—6.43 P.M. Fire broke out in Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE'S godown on the French Bund. Supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion. Exact amount of damage unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

January 28th.—3.50 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 874, New Seward Road. Caused by letting the cook-house fire burn after the occupants went to bed. Two (2) houses burnt. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

January 31st.—8.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 148, Hankow Road. Chimney caught fire and spread to the roof. Put out by the inmates and Police. Damage trifling. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

February 3rd.—12.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 385, Pekin Road. Origin unknown. Two (2) houses burnt and four (4) damaged. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

February 6th.—11.55 P.M. Fire broke out in an unoccupied house No. 415, Yunnan Road. Origin unknown. Four (4) houses burnt and three (3) damaged. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

February 7th.—1.15 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 355, Honan Road, among some fire-wood. No damage done. Put out by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

February 8th.—1.35 P.M. Fire broke out at the Central Hotel, Nankin Road. One of the chimneys took fire. No damage done. Put out by inmates. No general alarm given.

February 9th.—3.25 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 991, Nankin Road. Cause of the fire unknown. Five (5) houses burnt, and four (4) Chinese perished in the flames. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

February 10th.—7.35 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 766, New Seward Road. Origin of the fire unknown. Six (6) houses burnt. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

February 20th.—11.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 375, Foochow Road. Incendiarism. No damage done. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

February 22nd.—2.40 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 290, Chekiang Road. Origin unknown. Windows and roof burnt. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

February 25th.—7.25 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 812, Yuenchang Road. Caused by sparks from a chimney. Roof slightly damaged. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

March 8th.—10.30 A.M. Fire broke out in house No. 80, Kiangse Road. Caused by a chimney flue being too close to some woodwork. Part of the roof burned. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

March 23rd.—3.12 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 457, Wuhu Road. One (1) house burnt, two (2) houses destroyed. Fire originated in the watchman's house. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

April 6th.—7.30 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 157, Woosung Road. Four (4) houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

April 6th.—6 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 497, Honan Road. A quantity of cotton was set on fire by the carelessness of a Chinese boy, who was playing with some other boys. Cotton valued $10.00 burned. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

April 13th.—9.17 P.M. Fire broke out in the Lithographic Works, Nanking Road, No. 702. Originated through some coolies smoking in a room filled with paper. One (1) house burnt, one (1) damaged. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

April 18th.—1.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 164, Tiendong Road. Origin unknown. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the Police and occupants. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

April 19th.—6.10 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 108, Honan Road. Caused by sparks from a chimney igniting the roof. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

April 23rd.—2.10 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 459, Hoopeh Road. Thirty-one (31) houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

May 2nd.—9.20 P.M. Fire broke out in house No. 389, Szechuen Road. Three (3) houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

May 7th.—12.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 365, Kweichow Road. Four (4) houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

May 9th.—12.05 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 1017, Pekin Road. A cotton bed was burnt; a lighted candle came in contact with it. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

May 18th.—12.45 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 110, Yunnan Road, an unoccupied house. Incendiarism suspected. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the Police and neighbours. No general alarm given.

May 23rd.—10.30 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 343, Lloyd Road. The flooring was found to be on fire. Damage trifling. A woman and a boy were charged on suspicion with setting it on fire. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

May 30th.—11 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 312, Whakee Road. Caused by sparks igniting some straw. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

June 1st.—12.50 P.M. Fire broke out at Messrs. MAJOR BROTHERS' Match Factory, Sinza. 19 houses, and 5 rooms in the main building burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

June 2nd.—2.05 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 661, Woosung Road, in an upstairs room. Caused by sparks igniting some wood-work. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

June 2nd.—4.45 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 443, Wuhu Road. A quantity of bedding caught fire and was burned, through the carelessness of the inmates. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

June 3rd.—5.12 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 743, Yuenfong Road, a Pawn-shop, which was totally destroyed. Caused by the negligence of a plumber, who was repairing the roof, letting some burning coal fall out of a stove he was using. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

June 9th.—9.55 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 161, Fuhkien Road. Origin unknown. Thirty-five (35) houses burnt, three (3) damaged. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

June 13th.—2.30 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 73, Chihli Road. One (1) house burnt, (1) damaged. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

June 14th.—10 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 105, Nankin Road. A beam became ignited through the overheating of a flue. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

June 18th.—5.52 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 18, Hankow Road, Messrs. MAJOR BROTHERS' premises. Part of the roof and a quantity of paper destroyed. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

June 23rd.—12.30 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 476, Pekin Road. A quantity of straw was on fire. Incendiarism suspected. Extinguished by the inmates. Damage trifling. No general alarm given.

June 29th.—5 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 219, Lloyd Road. A quantity of books burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Police and occupants. No general alarm given.

July 9th.—10.30 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 118, Woosung Road. A cotton bed and curtain burnt. Caused by upsetting a kerosine-oil lamp. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.

July 19th.—10.45 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 234, Fohkien Road. Caused by upsetting a kerosine-oil lamp. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.

August 10th.—3 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 232, Broadway Road. Origin unknown. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police and neighbours. No general alarm given.

August 16th.—3.32 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 42, Nanking Road, Messrs. OLSEN & SALZWEDEL'S Photographic Studio. Two (2) houses burnt, one (1) house much damaged by fire and water. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

September 5th.—9.30 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 186, Peking Road. One house burnt. Originated through the upsetting of a kerosine-oil lamp. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

September 6th.—7 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 1, Sungkiang Road. Origin unknown. Damage trifling. Put out by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

October 12th.—2.50 A.M. Fire broke out simultaneously in unoccupied house No. 149, Honan Road and the house opposite No. 312, Honan Road, "Sun Yuen's" Store. Sun Yuen's Store totally burnt down; the adjoining house much damaged by water. The unoccupied house opposite and adjoining one destroyed. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

October 12th.—4.52 A.M. Fire broke out in a house in French Concession near the French Central Police Station. Two houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

October 19th.—4.35 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 815, Chekiang Road. Three (3) houses burnt. Caused through the carelessness of an old woman, who smoked opium. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

October 21st.—1 A.M. Fire broke out at No. 711, Fohkien Road, Fifty-one (51) houses burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

November 8th.—1 P.M. Fire broke out at No. 273, Kiukiang Road, a cook-shop. Slight damage done. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.

November 14th.—7.45 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 164, Woosung Road. No damage done. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Police. No general alarm given.

November 14th.—11.30 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 368, Broadway Road. Damage trifling. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No general alarm given.

FIRE RECORD, 1888—*continued.*

November 22nd.—6.15 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 820, Fohkien Road. Ten (10) houses burnt and four (4) damaged. Originated through the upsetting of a kerosine-oil lamp. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

November 23rd.—12.30 A.M. Fire broke out in an alley off Broadway Road, near Hongkew Bridge. Two (2) huts burnt, Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

December 5th.—11.20 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 149, Nanzing Road. One house burnt. Origin unknown. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. General alarm given.

December 10th.—7.45 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 74, Chihli Road, (unoccupied house). Incendiarism. No damage done. Extinguished by the neighbours. No general alarm given.

December 15th.—12.45 A.M. Fire broke out at house No. 231, Pekin Road. Origin unknown. Damage trifling. Extinguished by the inmates. No general alarm given.

December 22nd.—3.20 P.M. Fire broke out at house No. 220, Shantung Road. A quantity of straw and cotton-stalks caught fire in the cook-house. Damage trifling. Put out by the inmates and the Police with extincteurs. No general alarm given.

58 Fires.
28 General Alarms given.
2 Fires French Concession.

FINANCIAL

1st January to

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND AND HOUSE TAX AND DUES.			
Land Tax:			
4/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of land registered in the various Consulates in the names of foreigners, assessment of 1882.	...	...	54,007.24
General Municipal Rate—Foreign:			
8 per cent on assessed rentals of foreign houses	...	...	43,781.53
General Municipal Rate—Native:			
10 per cent on assessed rentals of Chinese houses	...	...	95,252.80
Dues on Merchandize:			
From the public, 1st January to 31st October	...	41,499.70	
From the public, 1st November to 31st December, outstanding on 31st December 1888 (estimated at) ...	...	7,800.00	
From the public, 1st November to 31st December 1887, outstanding 31st December 1887, since received	7,800.00		
Contribution from H.E. the Taotai.	...	10,230.50	67,330.20
LICENSE FEES.			
Foreign:			
Wine and spirit retailers	...	1,853.05	
Foreign and Native:			
Billiard and bowling saloons 264.59			
Theatre and concert ... 931.71			
Livery-stable-keepers ...8,778.02			
Cargo-boats 5,931.14			
	...	15,905.46	
Carried forward	7,800.00	17,758.51	260,371.77

STATEMENT.

31*st December* 1888.

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE FORCE.			
Pay:			
Foreigners, Sikhs and Natives, exclusive of Carter Road Station	.....	59,757.86	
Deduct for men employed on special duty	.....	138.24	
			59,619.62
Passages:			
Passages of time-expired and invalided men	.....	.....	809.33
Passages of 8 men engaged in England	.....	681.45	
Passages of 8 men engaged in England, including Bonus, outstanding 31st December 1888 ...	.....	1,788.23	
			2,469.68
Bonus to time-expired men ...	.....	.....	1,863.61
Special Service Fund	.....	.....	600.00
Gratuity:			
Gratuity to widow of constable ...	.....	.....	100.00
Medical Aid:			
Medicines	.....	451.13	
Hospital charges	.....	578.86	1,029.99
Rent:			
Louza Station	.....	333.78	
Foochow Road Station	.....	360.00	693.78
Insurance:			
On Central, Hongkew, and District Stations	.....	.....	79.27
Clothing:			
For the whole Force (exclusive of Carter Road Station)	.....	.....	6,838.17
Funeral Expenses	.....	.....	70.00
Carried forward ...	.....	.....	74,173.45

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	17,758.51	260,371.77
LICENCE FEES—*continued.*			
Native:			
Sellers of foreign liquors 1,799.96			
Water-carts 282.66			
Sampans 1,120.03			
Pawn-shops 4,905.15			
Opium-shops 29,359.70			
Wheel-barrows 6,145.19			
Wine-shops 2,373.37			
Jin-rik-shas 34,929.21			
Tea-shops 3,190.63			
	...	84,105.90	
			101,864.41
LOCK HOSPITAL.			
Fees collected	...	718.61	
Less paid to French Municipal Council	...	359.30	
			359.31
NIGHT-SOIL.			
Sale of night-soil	...	...	2,983.50
PERMIT FEES.			
Fees for permits to use sun-shades over public thoroughfares	...	281.76	
Fees for permits to open roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing drains	...	288.00	
Carried forward	7,800.00	569.76	365,578.99

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	.....	.....	74,173.45
POLICE FORCE—*continued.*			
Incidental Charges:			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Newspapers	.....	732.66	
Food, clothing, etc., for prisoners 1,284.41			
Grant towards cost of erecting building as refuge for females 364.50			
1,648.91			
Less—Fines received from the Mixed Court ... 1,148.21			
	.....	500.70	
Fuel, gas, wood and oil	.....	3,767.68	
Loss on exchange on remittances to London for constables ...	.....	918.14	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	.....	23.49	
Wages of punkah coolies and cost of ice	.....	197.48	
Wages of Writer	.....	169.68	
„ „ Shroff	.....	125.71	
„ „ Messengers	.....	290.26	
„ „ Station coolies	.....	353.29	
„ „ Coolies employed catching stray dogs	.....	350.14	
Coolie and sampan hire for carrying sick and drunken men	.....	202.98	
Coffee and sugar for constables on night duty	.....	101.28	
Cost of building a cooking stove for Sikhs	.....	35.00	
Registration fees, Indian constables	.....	28.51	
Sunshades and blinds, and repairing punkahs	.....	125.29	
Taxes on houses occupied by married members of the Force ...	.....	99.13	
Miscellaneous charges	.....	199.39	
			8,220.81
Carried forward ...	.....	.....	82,394.26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	569.76	365,578.99
Carried forward	7,800.00	569.76	365,578.99

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	.....	82,394.26
CARTER ROAD STATION.			
Pay 2,026.79			
Rent 360.00			
Clothing 182.72			
Coal, gas, wood and oil ... 306.89			
Water 56.22			
Medicines and miscellaneous charges 34.27			
2,966.89			
Less collected from Residents living on the road ... 1,396.29			
Police Deferred Pay Fund, Amount deposited at Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, 1 year from 31st March 1887 to 31st March 1888	.....	.....	1,570.60
			83,964.86
	.....	.....	3,000.00
			86,964.86
RELIEF OF POOR.			
Distributed during the year to foreign and native poor	.....	.....	92.20
SANITARY.			
Foreign and Native Hospitals:			
General Hospital—Grant for the year	.....	2,000.00	
Hospitals for Chinese „ „	.....	1,000.00	
			3,000.00
Lock Hospital:			
Pay of Surgeon	.....	600.00	
Wages of constable and watchman...	.....	122.83	
Taxes on the building	.....	24.45	
Medicines, washing, coal, gas, oil and stationery	.....	62.25	
Fire Insurance	.....	3.75	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	.....	1.91	
		815.19	
Less paid by French Municipal Council	.....	95.37	719.82
Carried forward	.....	.....	90,776.88

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	569.76	365,578.99
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	569,76	365,578.99

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	.....	.....	90,776.88
SANITARY—*continued.*			
Medical:			
Pay of Officer of Health	.....	500.00	
„ Municipal Surgeon... ...	.....	750.00	
„ Constables collecting Native death-rate returns	.....	272.00	
Fee for holding post-mortem examination on the body of a foreigner	.....	25.00	
Fee for analysis of spirits	.....	5.02	
			1,552.02
Market and Nuisance:			
Pay of Inspector of Markets, Nuisances, and Livery Stables ...	.....	2,250.00	
Pay as Inspector of Markets, 3 months	.....	150.00	
Pay of Assistant Inspector of Markets	.....	873.34	
„ late Assistant Inspector of Markets	.....	105.00	
„ Assistants	.....	1,260.00	
„ „ at Hongkew ...	.....	1,380.00	
„ Native overseer	.....	96.00	
Gratuity to widow of deceased Assistant Inspector of Markets	.....	630.00	
Funeral expenses of deceased Assistant Inspector of Markets	.....	66.00	
		6,810.34	
Removing night-soil and garbage, and sweeping streets	.....	11,060.57	
Extra scavengers cleaning sinks and removing sand from side-channels	.....	1,156.29	
Watchmen for preventing nuisances	.....	200.06	
Weeding roads	.....	87.71	
Watering roads (the Bubbling Well Road included)	.....	2,119.34	
Jin-rik-sha hire, taxes on employés' houses, etc., ...	.....	143.79	
Disinfectants, cost of invoice from London	.....	71.22	
Repairs to Market shed, extra water fittings and cost of drains ...	.....	683.72	
Carried forward ...	.....	22,333.04	92,328.90

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	569.76	365,578.99
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
Fees for making tracings of properties ...	.....	25.50	595.26
Carried forward	7,800.00	.....	366,174,25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	.....	22,333.04	92,328.90
SANITARY—*continued.*			
Market and Nuisance:			
Chinese Government ground-tax, Market site	.....	6.00	
Repairs to garbage skow	.....	35.46	
Taxes on employés' houses, medicines for overseers, and miscellaneous charges	.....	104.89	
			22,479.89
WATER SUPPLY.			
Contract for supply of water for Municipal purposes to 30th June, termination of contract	...	4,000.00	
Extra—For quantity used above contract limit	...	381.31	
1st July to 31st Dec. new contract .	...	5,625.00	
			10,006.31
LIGHTING.			
Gas for a portion of the Settlement and the Bubbling Well Road, and cost of maintaining 217 unused lamps...	.....	9,344.90	
Electric Light for a portion of the Settlement	.....	15,090.88	
			24,435.78
TELEPHONE LINES.			
Maintenance of all lines by contract ...	.....	.....	960.02
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
Pay—Foreign Staff:			
Surveyor 3,900.00			
Assistant 1,600.00			
3 Overseers... ... ... 2,237.18			
Temporary Overseers ... 922.80			
	.....	8,659.98	
Carried forward ...	.....	8,659.98	150,210.40

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st. Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...		.....	8,659.98	150,210.40
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE—*continued.*				
Pay—Native Staff:				
Office Writer	180.00			
Tracer	330.00			
Messenger	96.00			
Gratuities to widows of foremen	75.34			
		.....	681.34	
Rent:				
Of ground on the Soochow Creek and at Hongkew for storing road materials		.....	620.00	
„ Surveyor's house		.....	750.00	
„ Overseer's „		.....	13.71	
Coal, gas and wood		.....	39.69	
Taxes on employés' houses		.....	18.20	
Printing, stationery, newspapers and office necessaries		.....	215.22	
Cost of water for Surveyor and Overseer		.....	49.39	
Hospital expenses of Overseer		.....	86.80	
Hongkew Survey, Survey of 203 mows of land to the West of North Honan road		.....	650.00	
Cost of invoice of drawing instruments...		.....	88.36	
				11,872.69
PUBLIC WORKS.				
Bridges:				
Chefoo road, new wooden bridge accross the Defence Creek	1,980.00			
General repairs	2,663.38			
Yunnan road, half cost of iron bridge across the Yang-king-pang Creek, and of stone abutments, contract outstanding 31st December 1887, since paid ...		3,000.00		
Shanse road, new wooden bridge across Soochow Creek to connect with North Shanse road, contract outstanding 31st December 1888	6,850.00	.....	14,493.38	
Carried forward ...		3,000.00	14,493.38	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...		3,000.00	14,493.38	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued*				
Buildings:				
Repairs to Council-house, Surveyor's office, Local Post Office, & Secretary's quarters	1,279.26			
Repairs to Police Stations	683.27			
New Bell-Tower, Hongkew Station	1,346.08			
Laying granite pavement and guttering, Market Sheds, Nankin road, contract outstanding 31st December 1888	6,508.00	.....	9,816.61	
Bundings:				
Yangtsze-poo road near Birt's Wharf	228.20			
Sungkiang road beween Yangtzse and Szechuen roads, contract outstanding 31st December 1887, since paid		2,650.00		
Sungkiang road between Szechuen and Kiangse roads	3,637.90			
Yangtsze road near the mouth of the Yang-king-pang Creek	838.00			
Yuenfong road, at the end of the road	169.25			
General repairs	286.40	.....	7,809.75	
Drainage:				
Nankin road, between Kweichow and Yunnan roads	269.38			
Yunnan road, between Nankin and Kiukiang roads	210.44	.....		
Carried forward ...	479.82	5,650.00	32,119.74	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	32,119.74	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued*	479.82			
Drainage :				
Chaufoong road	145.98			
„ „ box drain at the end of the road ...	254.00			
Tiendong road, between Woosung and Seward roads	431.10			
Tiendong road, between Chapoo and Woosung roads	296.65			
Broadway, between Seward and Tiendong roads, contract outstanding 31st December 1888	351.00			
Iron sink-boxes gratings, and covers	838.47			
Subsidiary drains, laying drain-pipes repairs and alterations	1.457.34			
		.....	4,254.36	
Landing-Stages :				
General repairs to pontoons, bridges, landing-stages and jetties	3,107.76			
General repairs, contract outstanding 31st December 1888	1,370.32			
Ventilator cowls for pontoons	324.00			
		.....	4,802.08	
Roads :				
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	14,199.75			
Granite blocks for curbs and side-channels ...	4,741.69			
Laying and repairing chip-pavement	4,128.49			
Carried forward	23,069.93	5,650.00	41,176.18	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	41,176.18	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued*	23,069.93			
Roads:				
Forming tar pavement in front of Public Garden, between Pekin and Yuen-ming-yuen roads ...	430.92			
Granite pavement Kiangse road, West side between Nanking and Kiukiang roads	149.40			
Making up Hankow road...	1,499.14			
Labour making and repairing roads	7,073.12			
Keeping the Council's compound in order	105.29			
Cost of Trees, and transplanting and pruning ...	301.76			
Cost of Stanchions on Bund foreshore, painting and repairs	91.05			
Cutting and weeding grass foreshore	167.59			
Re-turfing a portion of Bund foreshore... ...	147.80			
Boundary stones	124.49			
Erecting fence at chip-yards	111.23			
Chinese Government ground-tax	132.02			
Hose for flushing drains ...	54.62			
6 seats for Bund foreshore	120.00			
Altering water hydrants ...	33.30			
Miscellaneous charges ...	74.86			
		.....	33.686.52	
Widening and improving roads:				
Hankow road:				
Rent of a piece of land forming portion of foot-path in front of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, from 1st January to 31st December 1888...	100.00			
		.....		
Carried forward ...	100.00	5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*				
Widening and improving roads:	100.00			
Keangse Road : Rent of a piece of land forming portion of foot-path in front of the Cathedral from 31st March 1887 to 31st March 1888.	150.00			
Szechuen Road : Rent of a portion of lot 40, T.D. 18, for widening the road, from 31st October 1888 to 31st October 1889	150.00			
Land for widening road adjoining "Sassoon's Buildings," contract outstanding 31st December 1888	500.00			
Nankin and Szechuen Roads : 0*m.* 2*f.* 8*l.* 7*h.* of land from lot 985. T.D. 987, for widening the road ...	2,296.00			
Shanse Road : East side, 0*m.* 1*f.* 5*l.* 5*h.* of land from lot 735, T.D. 728, for widening the road	750.00			
Bing-von-ka : 0*m.* 3*f.* 0*l.* 7*h.* of land from lot 962/3, T.D. 915/6, for extending the road ...	652.38			
Nankin Road : Loss of rents pending negotiations for surrender of a portion of lot 58a for widening the road, and cost of telegram ...	175.06			
Carried forward...	4,773.44	5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*				
Widening and improving roads: 4,773.44				
Seward Road Extension:				
Cost of 2 wooden bridges ...	1,365.54			
3*m.* 8*f.* 0*l.* 0*h.* of land from lot 1476, T.D. 1469	825.00			
0*m.* 3*f.* 0*l.* 0*h.* of land from lot 1476, T.D. 1469	150.00			
0*m.* 1*f.* 6*l.* 7*h.* of land from lot 1476, T.D. 1469, cost of removing graves, and compensation to Native owners of land ...	1,650.00			
Cost of raising a portion of the road	50.40			
Gratuity to the Tepou ...	200.00			
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for metalling and curbs and channels between Chaoufoong & Kungping roads ...	1,962.00			
From Kungping road to Broadway	1,237.00			
	7,439.94			
Carried forward ...	12,213.38	5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*	12,213.38			
Widening roads:				
North Soochow road: Extension 1*m.* 8*f.* 4*l.* 0*h.* of land from lots 944 & 1376 T. D. 937 and 1,369 ...	1,958.00			
Fees	250.00			
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for raising and bricking between North Honan & North Shanse roads ...	1,000.00			
	3,208.00			
North Kiangse road: 0*m.* 3*f.* 6*l.* 8*h.* of land from lot 1041 T.D. 1034.	700.00			
0*m.* 5*f.* 1*l.* 8*h.* of land from lot 946 T.D. 939 ...	700.00			
Contracts outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for cost of land	450.00			
For raising and metalling between North Szechuen and North Kiangse roads	1,000.00			
	2,850.00			
Carried forward...	18,271.38	5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.			Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
			Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward			5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*		18,271.38			
Widening roads:					
North Shanse Road:					
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for raising and bricking North of North Soochow road		1,200.00			
North Szechuen Road:					
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for cost of land between Boone & Quinsan roads ...	1,250.00				
Cost of raising and bricking ...	1,200.00				
		2,450.00			
Quinsan Road:					
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for cost of land for connecting Woosung & North Szechuen roads	870.00				
Cost of raising and bricking ...	900.00				
		1,770.00			
Boone Road:					
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for cost of land for connecting Chapoo & North Szechuen roads	1,630.00				
Cost of raising and bricking ...	1,000.00				
		2,630.00			
Carried forward ...		26,321.38	5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,174.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		5,650.00	74,862.70	162,083.09
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*	26,321.38			
Widening roads:				
Yuen-fong Road:				
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for cost of land between Seward & Hanbury roads ...	800.00			
Cost of bridge ...	1,500.00			
„ raising and bricking ...	1,300.00			
	3,600.00			
Kung-ping road:				
Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888, for metalling, curbs and channels from Seward road to Broadway	926.00			
Hwakee Road:				
For 0*m.* 3*f.* 3*l.* 6*h.* of land, western half of road adjoining Seward road ...	400.00			
Transfer fees	40.38			
		.....	31,287.76	
Fire-Wells:				
Repairs		.....	26.38	
Latrines:				
General repairs		.....	185.85	
				106,362.69
OUTSIDE ROADS.				
Maintenance and repairs, and cost of removing garbage		.....	3,493.96	
Repairs to drains and culverts		.....	385.07	
Painting and repairing bridges		.....	523.72	
New bunding at double bend, Bubbling Well road, and general repairs to bunding		.....	681.10	
Carried forward... ...		5,650.00	5,083.85	268,445.78

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	366,174.25
CEMETERIES.			
For 39 vaults	...	390.00	
„ 55 grave-spaces	...	123.75	
			513.75
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	...	366,688.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	5,650.00	5,083.85	268,445.78
OUTSIDE ROADS—*continued.*			
Rent of land for storing road materials.	.....	71.96	
Cost of trees	.....	55.41	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	.....	156.64	
Cinder roadway in front of the Grand Stand	.....	60.82	
Laying curbs and side-channels near Horse Bazaar	.....	20.58	
			5,449.26
PUBLIC GARDEN.			
Maintenance of Garden (for details see Committee's Report)	.....	830.51	
Repairs to band-stand, walls, gates and lodges	.....	132.92	
Painting and repairing seats	.....	79.26	
Cost of new seats	.....	48.00	
Repairs to paths and drains	.....	92.60	
Cost of plants, seeds and bulbs	.....	152.43	
Painting and repairing green-houses ...	.....	189.00	
Cost of new iron band-stand	.....	2,031.13	
„ erecting iron band-stand, contract outstanding 31st December 1888	.....	1,500.00	
Cost of water fittings for fountain ...	.....	20.73	
			5,076.58
CEMETERIES.			
Pay of Sexton for all Cemeteries and allowance for chair coolies... ...	.....	257.66	
Pay of Gardeners for care of all Cemeteries and Cathedral compound ...	.....	789.68	
Repairs to all Cemeteries	.....	670.36	
Building fence around New Cemetery ...	.....	914.62	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	.....	83.68	
Iron garden seats	.....	15.00	
Metalling paths and turfing a portion of Pootung Cemetery	.....	639.04	
Mural tablets for Soldiers' Cemetery ...	.....	72.60	
Coal for Mortuary Chapel	.....	6.18	
			3,448.22
Carried forward	5,650.00	.....	282,419.84

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	.....	366,688.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE.			
Subscribers for the year	.....	3,530.00	
Postage on unpaid letters and newspapers	.....	241.62	
Expresses circulated	.....	412.75	
Sale of stamps and postcards	.....	2,356.08	
			6,540.45
LAND AND BUILDINGS.			
Rent of Lock Hospital	.....	.....	64.08
Carried forward	7,800.00	.....	373,292.53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	5,650.00	...	282,419.84
LOCAL POST OFFICE.			
Postmaster	...	1,260.00	
Assistant	...	650.00	
Delivery coolies, jin-rik-sha coolies and sampan-man	...	1,875.13	
Agencies at Foochow, Pagoda Anchorage and at Swatow	...	290.75	
Advertising, printing, stationery and newspapers	...	212.85	
Coal, gas and oil	...	90.67	
Taxes on employés' houses	...	19.20	
Repairing pillar letter boxes	...	34.24	
Cost of stamps from London	...	165.73	
Miscellaneous charges	...	19.22	
			4,617.79
SECRETARIAT.			
Foreign—Pay:			
Secretary	...	4,500.00	
Accountant	...	3,600.00	
Assistant, Tax Office...	...	2,600.00	
„ General Office	...	2,400.00	
„ Dues Office	...	2,000.00	
Foreign—Pay:			
Overseer of taxes	...	2,250.00	
2 Collectors of Native house-tax ...	...	1,740 00	
1 „ „ Foreign house-tax (8 months absent on leave) ...	...	1,000.00	
1 Collector of Opium house-tax ...	...	1,380.00	
1 „ „ Sampan and Boat tax	...	900.00	
Temporary assistance	...	490.00	
Carried forward ...	5,650.00	22,860.00	287,037.63

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	...	373,292.53
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	373,292.53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.		Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...		5,650.00	22,860.00	287,037.63
SECRETARIAT—*continued.*				
Native—Pay:				
Linguist and assistant ...	840.00			
Compradore and assistants.	2,756.81			
Assistant at Dues Office ...	198.00			
Chinese tax-writers ...	954.00			
Sampan-men employed in the collection of Sampan and Boat Taxes...	183.75			
Godown-man	102.00			
Watchman at Council-house	87.75			
		...	5,122.31	
Native Servants:				
For Municipal offices and Dues Office	465.03			
Coolie for numbering Chinese houses	36.00			
Punkah coolies, and jin-rik-sha coolies for tax collectors	197.53			
		...	698.56	
				28,680.87
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal expenses		...	1,500.00	
Audit fee		...	350.00	
Coal, gas and wood		...	333.11	
Sationery, printing, advertising and newspapers		...	2,903.09	
House numbers and license plates and cards		...	389.36	
Postage		...	50.77	
Fire insurance		...	24.82	
Uniforms for tax collectors		...	194.34	
Medicines „ „		...	41.76	
Rent of Masonic Hall for Ratepayers' Meeting		...	22.98	
Pew-rents for 7 sittings, Trinity Cathedral		...	144.00	
Passage of tax collector to London ...		...	191.04	
Taxes on employés' houses, string for copper cash, jin-rik-sha and coolie hire, etc.		...	379.78	
				6,525.05
Carried forward ...		5,650.00	...	322,243.55

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	.....	373,292.53
Carried forward... ...	7,800.00	.....	373,292.53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	5,650.00	.....	322,243.55
STUD.			
Animals for public works	...	2,874.00	
„ „ removing garbage	...	6,697.14	
„ „ Captain-Superintendent and Chief Inspector of Police	...	300.00	
„ „ Police night-patrol and for patrolling the Bubbling Well road	...	385.17	
„ „ Surveyor	...	180.00	
„ „ Inspectors of Nuisances and Markets	...	360.00	
„ „ tax collector	...	180.00	
Oil and leather-washers for cart-wheels...	...	330.91	
			11,307.22
FIRE DEPARTMENT.			
Contribution	...	3,100.00	
„ extra, for hose and plant ...	...	999.76	
Maintenance of telephone line	...	27.19	
Painting bell-tower	...	40.00	
Cost of night parade	...	456.95	
			4,623.90
VOLUNTEERS.			
Pay of armourer, coolies and markers at rifle butts	...	1,127.05	
„ Drill-sergeant	...	200.25	
Advertising, printing and stationery ...	...	494.84	
Repairs to targets, and rifle range ...	...	185.59	
Subscription to National Rifle Association, London	...	50.78	
Contribution to the Gymnasium for use of building for drill purposes ...	...	150.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax ...	...	21.52	
Keep of artillery ponies	...	901.39	
Cost of uniforms	...	1,657.96	
„ ammunition used during the year	...	103.35	
„ boundary stones	...	55.75	
Coal and wood for armoury	...	70.41	
Carried forward ...	5,650.00	5,018.89	338,174.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	...	373,292.53
Carried forward	7,800.00	...	373,292.53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	5,650.00	5,018.89	338,174.67
VOLUNTEERS—*continued.*			
Cost of annual parade	...	579.82	
„ night parades and field days ...	...	68.07	
„ flags	...	10.67	
Repairing gun-carriages, rifle, saddlery and accoutrements	...	184.70	
Municipal Challenge Cup, Contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1887, since paid.	500.00		
Substitute challenge cup	...	50.00	
Repairs to artillery stables, and cost of cooking-stove for horse boy ...	...	128.70	
Cost of matting, chairs and table for rifle range	...	48.34	
Invoice of uniform accoutrements, contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888 ...	...	260.00	
Cost of raising ricochet mound at rifle butts, outstanding 31st Dec. 1888...	...	2,756.69	
Jin-rik-sha hire, coolie hire, and miscellaneous charges	...	301.24	
			9,907.12
TOWN BAND.			
Pay of Bandmaster	...	1,800.00	
„ Secretary	...	300.00	
„ Musicians	...	5,093.64	
„ „ for extra services at private performances of the Band ...	...	587.18	
Rent of houses for band practice, and for musicians	...	298.43	
Purchase of musical instruments and repairs	...	78.44	
Registration fees	...	8.01	
Music and music paper	...	118.50	
Wages of coolie	...	34.96	
Advertising and printing...	...	61.08	
Coal, gas and oil	...	105.63	
Taxes	...	26.86	
Medicines and Hospital expenses ...	...	30.23	
Funeral expenses	...	26.40	
Passages of new musicians from Manila.	...	143.22	
Gratuity to widow of deceased musician	...	36.55	
Carried forward	6,150.00	8,749.13	348,081.79

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	7,800.00	...	373,292.53
INTEREST.			
On fixed Deposit and daily balance ...	.....	549.41	
„ Trust Funds	.....	608.06	
Premia on 700 Debentures, Loan of 1888	.....	1,660.00	
On Taels 13,485.50 cost of site for New Louza Police Station at 6 per cent. from 17th Oct. 1887 to 31st Dec. 1888	.....	977.74	3,795.21
Carried forward ...	7,800.00	...	377,087.74

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	6,150.00	8,749.13	348,081.79
TOWN BAND—*continued.*			
Passage of invalided musician to Manila	...	37.78	
Cost of uniforms	...	108.62	
Insurance	...	12.50	
Jin-rik-sha hire and miscellaneous expenses	...	128.48	
		9,036.51	
Deduct—			
From French Municipal Council, contribution, ...1,500.00			
Amount received for services of the Band 1,518.68			
	...	3,018.68	
			6,017.83
SHANGHAI MUSEUM.			
Contribution	...	...	500.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY.			
Contribution	...	...	100.00
EDUCATION GRANTS.			
Contribution to the French Orphanage...	...	1,000.00	
„ „ Eurasian School ...	...	873.90	
			1,873.90
INTEREST.			
On Debentures, Loans of 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885	...	9,100.00	
On Police Savings Bank	...	528.22	
			9,628.22
Carried forward ...	6,150.00	...	366,201.74

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	.....	377,087.74
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.			
Interest on Balance	.....	.....	936.60
SINKING FUND.			
Amount withdrawn from Fund at Bank for payment of portion of 1882 Loan	.....	40,000.00	
Interest on Balance	.....	776.93	40,776.93
Carried forward	7,800.00	.....	418,801.27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	6,150.00	...	366,201.74
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.			
Interest to 31st December, deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ...	...	...	936.60
SINKING FUND.			
Amount deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	...	20,500.00	
Interest to 31st December, deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ...	...	776.93	
			21,276.93
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1882.			
Payment of 400 Debentures	...	...	40,000.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS.			
New Louza Police Station, 7*m.* 0*f.* 7*l.* 6*h.* of land from lot 1313 T.D. 1306 ...	...	13,485.50	
Cost of urinal	...	154.30	
		13,639.80	
Interest from 17th October 1887 to 31st Dec. 1888 on Tls. 13,485.50	...	977.74	
Transfer fee	...	7.24	
Cost of the building, paid on account ... 6,000.00			
Balance of contract outstanding 31st Dec. 1888. 26,004.50			
	...	32,004.50	
		46,629.28	
Artillery stables, cost of building 3 stalls and loft for horse boys	...	209.93	
Market sheds, cost of building 3 market sheds	...	3,213.28	
			50,052.49
Carried forward ...	6,150.00	...	478,467.76

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887	To 31st Dec. 1888	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	.....	418,801.27
MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES.			
For Drain-pipes	.....	3,175.17	
„ Cartridges sold, and issued free ...	.....	442.09	
„ Plans of the Settlement	.....	30.00	
„ Coal sold and charged to departments	.....	1,038.98	
			4,686.24
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1888.			
700 Debentures	.....	.....	70,000.00
Carried forward	7,800.00	.....	493,487.51

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	6,150.00	...	478,467.76
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES.			
Coal purchased	...	923.50	
Nuisance, purchase of and repairs to plant	...	1,943.77	
Public Works, purchase of and repairs to plant	...	1,767.69	
Purchase of harness and repairs to traps	...	683.59	
Furniture and gas fixtures	...	36.02	
Public lamp pillars and brackets ...	...	113.48	
Drain-pipes	...	2,092.07	
Police:			
Police-patrol ponies ... 35.00			
Less—Sale of condemned animal... ... 11.40			
23.60			
Cost of 2 ambulance litters... 154.84			
Mess and barrack furniture... 413.35			
Police whistles 32.34			
„ truncheons 172.98			
„ officers' swords ... 61.30			
	...	858.41	
Iron Telephone boxes	...	180.00	
Volunteers:			
Invoice of bayonets 214.60			
Cost of artillery ponies 696.00			
Less—Sales of condemned animals ... 107.35			
588.65			
Cost of cartridges 750.65			
Shafts for gun-carriages ... 95.00			
Saddlery for artillery ponies. 32.17			
	...	1,681.07	
Insurance	...	17.50	10,297.10
Carried forward...	6,150.00	...	488,764.86

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1887.	To 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	7,800.00	.....	493,487.51
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.			
31st December 1887.			
The outstanding accounts on 31st December 1887 were estimated 7,800.00			
They have amounted to ... 9,278.45			
Gain on estimate	.....	1,478.45	
The outstanding contracts were estimated 6,150.00			
Amounts paid 6,136.32			
Gain on estimate	.....	13.68	
Net gain credited to the year ...	.....	.....	1,492.13
	7,800.00		494,979.64
Deduct Outstanding accounts 1887 ...	.....	.....	7,800.00
			487,179.64
Receipts on deposit accounts	.....	.....	9,159.98
Showing RECEIPTS for outgoing Council's term of office	.....	.....	496,339.62
SURPLUS 31st December 1887	.....	.....	8,622.19
			504,961.81
Depreciation on Property and Stores written off	.....	Taels ...	10,000.00
		Taels ...	514,961.81

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	Incurred by Council 1887.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1888.	TOTAL.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward ...	6,150.00	...	488,764.86
CONTINGENCY.			
Compensation paid to family of a peasant accidentally shot at rifle butts .	...	...	365.50
	6,150.00		489,130.36
Deduct—For contracts incurred 1887 ...	...	...	6,150.00
Payments on deposit accounts:			482,980.36
By office 8,864.76			
To Bank Trust Funds account... 295.22			
	...	...	9,159.98
Showing EXPENDITURE for outgoing Council's term of office	...	...	492,140.34
Surplus 31st December 1888	...	...	12,821.47
		Taels ...	504,961.81
General Balance, Depreciation on Property and Stores written off Taels			10,000.00
		TAELS ...	514,961.81

Audited and found correct,

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Auditor.

TRUST FUNDS.

POLICE SAVINGS BANK.

			Balance.
Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls. 9,218.28	Amounts withdrawn	...Tls. 7,018.63
Deposited by Members of the Force... ...	... „ 5,813.31	Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	„ 8,541.18
Interest at 6 per cent. per annum	... „ 528.22		8,541.18
	Tls. 15,559.81		Tls. 15,559.81

POLICE RECREATION FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls. 2,450.79	Prizes for monthly rifle competition and cost of cartridges	...Tls. 235.71
Deductions from Police pay for men sick and for fines	... „ 697.79	Cost of newspapers and books for the force	„ 64.36
Sales of unclaimed property	... „ 36.20	Grant towards cost of fittings for minstrel entertainment	... „ 67.02
		Grant towards cost of Christmas dinner ...	„ 36.65
		Gratuity to widow of Native detective ...	„ 73.10
			476.84
		Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	„ 2,707.94
	Tls. 3,184.78		Tls. 3,184.78

		2,707.94
Forward		11,249.12

POLICE SECRET SERVICE FUND.

Balance forward 11,249.12

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	26.24	Balance on hand 31st December 1888...	Tls.	626.24
Budget appropriation	... „	600.00			
	Tls.	626.24		Tls.	626.24

626.24

FOREIGN LIQUOR-SELLERS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	305.56	Withdrawals	...Tls.	116.60
Deposited by Foreigners opening taverns ...	... „	152.75	Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	„	341.71
	Tls.	458.31		Tls.	458.31

341.71

NATIVE LIQUOR-SELLERS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	374.88	Balance on hand 31st December 1888	...Tls.	418.65
Deposited by Chinese opening shops for sale of Foreign liquors	... „	43.77			
	Tls.	418.65		Tls.	418.65

418.65

Forward 12,635.72

NATIVE LIVERY-STABLE-KEEPERS.

Balance forward 12,635.72

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	235.61	Withdrawn by Chinese closing Livery Stables...	... Tls.	18.25
Deposited by Chinese opening Livery Stables ...	... „	36.57	Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	... „	253.93
	Tls.	272.18		Tls.	272.18

253.93

FOREIGN LIVERY-STABLE-KEEPERS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	18.32	Amount withdrawn	...Tls.	18.32

LOCAL POST OFFICE COOLIES' SECURITIES.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	106.22	Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	Tls.	106.22

106.22

LOCAL POST OFFICE COOLIES' FINE FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	6.58	Amount withdrawn	...Tls.	11.89
Fines during the year...	... „	5.31			
	Tls.	11.89		Tls.	11.89

Forward 12,995.87

LOCAL POST OFFICE NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

				Balance forward		12,995.87
Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	56.94		Transferred to Non-Subscribers' postage accounts	...Tls.	202.84
Deposited by Non-Subscribers	... „	208.48		Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	„	62.58
	Tls.	265.42			Tls.	265.42

62.58

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS' PRIZE FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	34.05		Payments	...Tls.	1,001.39
Collected for prizes	... „	1,037.58		Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	„	70.24
	Tls	1,071.63			Tls.	1,071.63

70.24

NATIVE BILLIARD AND BOWLING SALOONS.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	21.78		Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	Tls.	21.78

21.78

NUISANCE CONTRACTOR.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls.	366.00		Balance on hand 31st December 1888 ...	Tls.	366.00

366.00

Total Balance of Trust Funds ... ... Tls. 13,516.47

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK—TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Deposit Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1887	Tls.	11,866.00
Deposited during the year	„	600.00
		12,466.00

Current Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	Tls.	1,355.25
Paid in during the year	„	1,105.56
Transferred from deposit account ...	„	500.00
		2,960.81
	Tls.	15,426.81

Deposit Account:

Amount transferred to Current account	Tls.	500.00	Tls.
Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1888	„	11,966.00	11,966.00
		12,466.00	

Current Account:

Amounts withdrawn... ...	Tls.	1,410.34	
Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1888	„	1,550.47	1,550.47
		2,960.81	
Total Balance at Bank 31st Dec. 1888...			13,516.47
			Tls. 15,426.81

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POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND.

Deposit Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls. 18,848.52	
Deposited during the year (Budget Appropriation)...	Tls. 3,000.00	
Interest	„ 906.14	
		3,906.14
	Tls.	22,754.66

Current Account:

Balance on hand 31st December 1887	Tls. 848.40	
Amounts transferred from deposit account	„ 6,278.47	
Interest	„ 30.46	
		7,157.33
	Tls.	29,911.99

Balance.

Deposit Account:

Amounts transferred to Current account	Tls. 6,278.47	
Balance on hand 31st December 1888	„ 16,476.19	
		16,476.19
Tls.	22,754.66	

Current Account:

Amounts withdrawn...	...Tls. 6,875.48	
Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1888	„ 281.85	281.85
	7,157.33	
Tls.	29,911.99	

Total Balance at Bank 31st December 1888 ...Tls. 16,758.04

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December 1887 ...	...Tls. 18,942.79	Amount withdrawn for payment of 400 Debentures, Loan of 1882...	...Tls. 40,000.00
Amount deposited, Budget Appropriation	... „ 20,500.00	Balance on hand 31st December 1888...	„ 219.72
Interest	... „ 776.93		
	Tls. 40,219.72		Tls. 40,219.72
		Total Balance at Bank 31st Dec. 1888...	... Tls. 219.72

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LAND AND BUILDINGS:	Tls.	Ledger Balance. 31st Dec. 1888. Tls.	Value per Surveyor's Estimate 1884. Tls.
Central Police Station, land and buildings	.....	17,893.08	23,960.00
Land adjoining Central Police Station, Artillery godown, Blacksmith's shop, and Powder Magazine	.....	20,042.17	35,420.00
District Police Station, land and buildings	.....	2,648.29	4,290.00
Hongkew Police Station, land and buildings	.....	28,796.46	45,475.00
New Louza Police Station, 7*m.* 0*f.* 7*l.* 6*h.* of land from lot 1303 T.D. 1306	13,485.50		
Cost of urinal	154.30		
	13,639.80		
Interest from 17th October 1887 to 31st December 1888 at 7°/₀ per.an.	977.74		
Title Deed	7.24		
Cost of the Building	32,004.50	46,629.28	
Carried forward		116,009.28	109,145.00

	Tls.	Ledger Balance 31st Dec. 1888. Tls.	Value per Surveyor's Estimate 1884. Tls.
Brought forward ...		116,009.28	109,145.00
Lock Hospital, land and building, Balance 31st December 1887 ...	1,743.68		
Less Rent received from French Municipal Council	64.08	1,679.60	3,165.00
Municipal Buildings and Compound (old Tun-sin Property), Balance 31st December 1887	30,706.10		
Cost of Stabling for Artillery Ponies	209.93	30,916.03	67,800.00
Public Market Site, Nankin road, Balance 31st December 1887 ...	23,781.30	.....	20,906.00
Cost of building 3 New Market Sheds	3,213.28	26,994.58	
Rifle Range and Markers' house	.....	818.44	2,492.00
		176,417.93	
Depreciation written off		5,000.00	
		171,417.93	203,508.00

STOCK AND STORES:

Office furniture and gas fixtures, Balance 31st December 1887.		4,981.85		
Cost during the year		36.02		
			5,017.87	
Telegraph and Telephone Plant, Balance 31st December 1887.		767.47		
Cost during the year		180.00		
			947.47	
Police Furniture and Stores, Balance 31st December 1887.		9,088.57		
Cost during the year		863.41		
			9,951.98	
Fire Department Stock, Balance 31st December 1887 ...		... ...	7,580.85	
Volunteers' Stock, Balance on hand 31st December 1887.		14,917.81		
Cost during the year	1,788.42			
Less Sales	563.44			
		1,224.98		
			16,142.79	
Public Works Stock, Balance on hand 31st December 1887.		9,654.50		
Cost during the year	3,859.76			
Less Sales	3,175.17			
		684.59		
			10,339.09	
Carried forward			49,980.05	171,417.93

			Tls.	Ledger Balance 31st Dec. 1888. Tls.	
Brought forward			49,980.05	171,417.93	
Nuisance Stock, Balance 31st December 1887		9,481.57			
Cost during the year		1,943.77			
			11,425.34		
Town Band, Balance...		...	1,389.41		
Coal, Plans of the Settlement, and Miscellaneous Stores, Balance 31st December 1887		2,776.75			
Cost during the year	1,633.59				
Less Sales	1,068.98				
		564.61			
			3,341.36		
Public lamp pillars, brackets, etc., Balance 31st December 1887...		3,842.41			
Cost during the year		113.48			
			3,955.89		
			70,092.05		
Depreciation written off			5,000.00	65,092.05	
(Total depreciation written off, Tls 10,000.00.)			Total Tls...	236,509.98	

Audited and found correct.

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Auditor.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF

From 1st January

RECEIPTS.

Receipts to 31st December 1888	...	494,979.64	
Less Outstanding Accounts		7,800.00	
			487,179.64
Receipts on Deposit Accounts, *vide* pages 258-262 ...			9,159.98
Taels ...			496,339.62

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Municipality and certify that the foregoing figures are in accordance therewith.

H. J. LIMBY,

Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

to 31st December 1888.

EXPENDITURE.

1st January,—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank:			
Amount of overdraft		2,233.35	
Less Cash in hands of Compradore		359.15	
			1,874.20
Expenditure to 31st December 1888		489,130.36	
Less Cost of Site for New Louza Station paid for in 1887 ...	13,639.80		
Outstanding Contracts	66,113.74		
		79,753.54	
			409,376.82
Payments on Deposit Accounts, *vide* pages 258-262 ...			9,159.98
Suspense, payments on Account of 1889			594.61
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,— Current Account		74,892.91	
Cash in hands of Compradore		441.10	
			75,334.01
Taels ...			496,339.62

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ASSETS.

		Taels.
LAND, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY ACCOUNT, *vide* pages 265-268		236,509.98
TAX SUSPENSE		880.35
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK:		
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:		
SINKING FUND	219.72	
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND	16,758.04	
TRUST FUNDS	13,516.47	
	30,494.23	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	74,892.91	
		105,387.14
CASH IN HANDS OF COMPRADORE		441.10
SUSPENSE		91.59
Taels... ...		343,310.16

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BALANCE.

31ST, 1888.

LIABILITIES.

	Taels.	
MUNICIPAL LOAN, 1882 (Balance) ...	20,000,00	
Do. 1883	45,000.00	
Do. 1884	15,000.00	
Do. 1885	30,000.00	
Do. 1888	70,000.00	
		180,000.00
DEFERRED PAY DUE TO THE POLICE FORCE		11,167.47
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:		
Police Savings Bank	8,541.18	
„ Recreation Fund	2,707.94	
„ Secret Service Fund...	626.24	
Local Post Office, Non-Subscribers ...	62.58	
Do. Delivery Coolies... ...	106.22	
Foreign Liquor-Sellers	341.71	
Native do.	418.65	
Do. Livery Stables	253.93	
Do. Billiard Saloons	21.78	
Volunteers' Prize Fund	70.24	
Nuisance Contractor	366.00	
		13,516.47
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1885		875.00
Do. 1888, Balance		58,313.74
		263,872.68
GENERAL BALANCE		79,437.48
Taels... ...		343,310.16

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SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS.

31st DECEMBER 1888.

	Tls.	Tls.
Account 1885.		
Hongkew Survey, balance of account ...	.....	875.00
Account 1888.		
VOLUNTEERS:		
Raising mound at Rifle Butts	2,536.69	
Marker's Hut	220.00	
Invoice of Uniform Accoutrements ...	260.00	
		3,016.69
PUBLIC GARDEN:		
Cost of erecting new iron Band Stand ...	.....	1,500.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		
Balance of contract for building new Louza Police Station	.....	26,004.50
POLICE CHARGES:		
Cost of passages, and bonus of 8 men from England	.....	1,788.23
PUBLIC WORKS:		
Landing Stages: Minghong road jetty, new bridge and repairing pontoon ...	1,370.32	
Buildings: Contract for supplying and laying about 500 fong of Ningpo stone pavement and 144 chang of stone gutter for Public Market, Nanking road ...	6,508.00	
Bridges: Shanse road, contract for constructing hard-wood bridge across Soochow Creek to connect with North Shanse road	6,850.00	
Carried forward ...	14,728.32	33,184.42

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS

(Continued).

			Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	...		14,728.32	33,184.42
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*				
Drainage: Broadway, between Seward and Tiendong roads			351.00	
Roads:				
North Shanse road, North of North Soochow road, cost of raising and bricking ...		1,200		
North Soochow road, between North Honan and North Shanse roads, cost of raising and bricking		1,000		
North Kiangse road, between North Szechuen and North Kiangse roads, parallel to Tiendong road, cost of land	450			
Raising, bricking, etc....	1,000			
		1,450		
North Szechuen road, between Boone and Quinsan roads, costof land...	1,250			
Raising, bricking, etc....	1,200			
		2,450		
Quinsan road, connecting Woosung and North Szechuen roads, land ...	870			
Raising, bricking, etc.	900			
		1,770		
Boone road, connecting Chapoo and North Szechuen roads, land ...	1,630			
Raising, bricking, etc. ...	1,000			
		2,630		
Carried forward...		10,500.00	15,079.32	33,184.42

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS

(Continued).

			Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward...		10,500.00	15,079.32	33,184.42
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*				
Roads :				
Yuenfong road, between Seward and Hanbury roads, land	800			
Bridge	1,500			
Raising, bricking, etc....	1,300			
		3,600		
Seward road, between Chaufoong and Kungping roads, curbs and channels, metalling, etc.	1,962			
From Kungping road to Broadway	1,237			
		3,199		
Kungping road, from Seward road to Broadway		926		
Szechuen road, adjoining "Sassoon's Buildings," land ...		500		
			18,725.00	
				33,804.32
Taels ...			.....	66,988.74

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING DUES.

31st DECEMBER 1888.

		Tls.	Tls.
OUTSTANDING DUES			
Dues on Merchandize	... ...	...	7,800.00
	Taels ...	.....	7,800.00

STATEMENT COMPARING THE ACTUAL RECEIPTS ESTIMATE (AS PER BUDGET)

RECEIPTS.	Receipts per General Ledger 31st Dec. 1888.	Deduct Receipts 1887 Account.	Actual Receipts on Budget to 31st Dec. 1888.	Original Estimate.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	54,007.24	..	54,007.24	54,004.00	3.24	..
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—*Foreign* ..	43,781.53	..	43,781.53	42,900.00	881.53	..
,, ,, ,, —*Native* ..	95,252.80	..	95,252.80	88,000.00	7,252.80	..
DUES ON MERCHANDIZE—FROM PUBLIC ..	57,099.70	7,800.00	49,299.70	45,000.00	4,299.70	..
CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TAOTAI	10,230.50	..	10,230.50	10,200.00	30.50	..
LICENCES:						
FOREIGN LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,853.05	..	1,853.05	1,900.00	..	46.95
FOREIGN & NATIVE BILLIARD SALOONS ..	264.59	..	264.59	280.00	..	15.41
do. do. THEATRES & CONCERTS	931.71	..	931.71	800.00	131.71	..
do. do. LIVERY-STABLES ..	8,778.02	..	8,778.02	8,000.00	778.02	..
do. do. CARGO-BOATS ..	5,931.14	..	5,931.14	6,100.00	..	168.86
NATIVE LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,799.96	..	1,799.96	1,700.00	99.96	..
do. WATER-CARTS	282.66	..	282.66	250.00	32.66	..
do. OPIUM-SHOPS	29,359.70	..	29,359.70	27,500.00	1,859.70	..
do. PAWN do.	4,905.15	..	4,905.15	3,400.00	1,505.15	..
do. WINE do.	2,373.37	..	2,373.37	2,250.00	123.37	..
do. SAMPANS	1,120.03	..	1,120.03	1,100.00	20.03	..
do. JIN-RIK-SHAS	34,929.21	..	34,929.21	34,000.00	929.21	..
do. WHEEL-BARROWS	6,145.19	..	6,145.19	7,000.00	..	854.81
do. TEA-SHOPS	3,190.63	..	3,190.63	2,800.00	390.63	..
NIGHT-SOIL	2,983.50	..	2,983.50	2,970.00	13.50	..
LOCK HOSPITAL FEES	359.31	..	359.31	400.00	..	40.69
PERMIT FEES	595.26	..	595.26	450.00	145.26	..
CEMETERY FEES	513.75	..	513.75	600.00	..	86.25
LOCAL POST OFFICE	6,540.45	..	6,540.45	4,840.00	1,700.45	..
INTEREST	3,795.21	..	3,795.21	1,000.00	2,795.21	..
STOCK AND STORES	4,686.24	..	4,686.24	3,000.00	1,686.24	..
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND—INTEREST ..	936.60	..	936.60	..	936.60	..
SINKING FUND and Interest	40,776.93	..	40,776.93	40,000.00	776.93	..
LAND AND BUILDINGS	64.08	..	64.08	..	64.08	..
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1887	1,492.13	..	1,492.13	..	1,492.13	..
MUNICIPAL LOAN, 1888	70,000.00	..	70,000.00	..	70,000.00	..
SURPLUS 31ST DECEMBER 1887	8,622.19	..	8,622.19	8,622.19	..	..
	504,601.83	7,800.00	495,801.83	399,066.19	97,948.61	1,212.97
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	9,159.98	..	9,159.98	..	..	..
	513,761.81	7,800.00	504,961.81	399,066.19	97,948.61	1,212.97
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION OF	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls.....	523,761.81	7,800.00	514,961.81	409,066.19	97,948.61	1,212.97

AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1888 WITH THE ORIGINAL FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements per General Ledger 31st Dec. 1888.	Deduct Disbursements 1887 Account.	Actual Expenditure on Budget to 31st Dec. 1888.	Estimate 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE:						
Pay	59,619.62	..	59,619.62	63,410.00	..	3,790.38
Passages, Clothing, Rent, Insurance, Medicines, Hospital Charges, and Incidental Expenses	17,841.35	..	17,841.35	15,193.00	2,648.35	..
Police Deferred Pay Fund	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	3,000.00	..	..
Bonus to time-expired Members of the Force	1,863.61	..	1,863.61	..	1,863.61	..
Cost of Passages, etc., 16 Men from England	2,469.68	..	2,469.68	..	2,469.68	..
Allowance for Special Service	600.00	..	600.00	600.00	..	..
Bubbling Well Road Station: Pay, Rent, Clothing, Insurance, Fuel and, Water	1,570.60	..	1,570.60	1,569.00	1.60	..
RELIEF OF POOR	92.20	..	92 20	200.00	..	107.80
SANITARY:—*Foreign and Native Hospitals*	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	3,000.00	..	..
Lock Hospital	719.82	..	719.82	800.00	..	80.18
Medical	1,552.02	..	1,552.02	1,600.00	..	47.98
Nuisance and Market	22,479.39	..	22,479.39	21,380.00	1,099.39	..
LIGHTING—*Gas*	9,344.90	..	9,344.90	11,000.00	..	1,655.10
Electric	15,090.88	..	15,090.88	15,200.00	..	109.12
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:						
Pay and gratuity	9,341.32	..	9,341.32	8,800.00	541.32	..
Rent of ground for storing road materials	620.00	..	620.00	620.00	..	..
Rent of houses for Surveyor and Overseer	763.71	..	763.71	750.00	13.71	..
Hongkew Survey	650.00	..	650.00	..	650.00	..
Insurance, Fuel, Light, Water, Newspapers and Office Necessaries	497.66	..	497.66	530.00	..	32.34
TELEPHONE LINES	960.02	..	960.02	900.00	60.02	..
CEMETERIES AND CATHEDRAL COMPOUND	3,448.22	..	3,448.22	3,200.00	248.22	..
OUTSIDE ROADS	5,449.26	..	5,449.26	6,700.00	..	1,250.74
PUBLIC GARDEN	5,076.58	..	5,076.58	3,900.00	1,176.58	..
PUBLIC WORKS:—*Bridges*	14,493.38	3,000.00	11,493.38	10,000.00	1,493.38	..
Buildings	9,816.61	..	9,816.61	7,800.00	2,016.61	..
Bundings	7,809.75	2,650.00	5,159.75	5,950.00	..	790.25
Landing-Stages	4,802.08	..	4,802.08	4,000.00	802.08	..
Fire-Wells	26.38	..	26.38	..	26.38	..
Drainage	4,254.36	..	4,254.36	3,650.00	604.36	..
Latrines	185.85	..	185.85	..	185.85	..
Roads	64,974.28	..	64,974.28	44,850.00	20,124.28	..
WATER SUPPLY	10,006.31	..	10,006.31	9,000.00	1,006.31	..
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	500.00	..	500.00	500.00	..	..
SHANGHAI LIBRARY	100.00	..	100.00	100.00	..	..
EDUCATION GRANTS	1,873.90	..	1,873.90	1,900.00	..	26.10
STUD—*Animal Labour, etc.*	11,307.22	..	11,307.22	11,220.00	87.22	..
INTEREST	9,628.22	..	9,628.22	9,880.00	..	251.78
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND, Interest deposited at Bank	936.60	..	936.60	..	936.60	..
SINKING FUND & Interest deposited at Bank	21,276.93	..	21,276.93	20,500.00	776.93	..
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,623.90	..	4,623.90	2,500.00	2,123.90	..
GENERAL CHARGES:						..
Coals & gas for all offices, stable & godown	333.11	..	333.11	300.00	33.11	..
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	..	1,500.00	1,500.00	..	..
Audit Fee	350 00	..	350.00	350.00	..	..
Insurance	24.82	..	24.82	200.00	..	175.18
House and Vehicle Numbers	389.36	..	389.36	500.00	..	110.64
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, and Postage	2,953.86	..	2,953.86	2,450.00	503.86	..
Uniforms & Medicines for Tax Collectors	236.10	..	236.10	250.00	..	13.90
Passage of Tax Collector to England	191.04	..	191.04	..	191.04	..
Pew Rents, Trinity Cathedral	144.00	..	144.00	144.00	..	..
Expenses of Ratepayers Meeting	22.98	..	22.98	..	22.98	..
Incidental Expenses	379.78	..	379.78	356.00	23.78	..
SECRETARIAT *(including collection of taxes and Gratuities)*	28,680.87	..	28,680.87	28,582.00	98.87	..
TOWN BAND	6,017.83	..	6,017.83	6,000.00	17.83	..
LOCAL POST OFFICE	4,617.79	..	4,617.79	4,620.00	..	2.21
VOLUNTEERS	9,907.12	500.00	9,407.12	6,000.00	3,407.12	..
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES	10,297.10	..	10,297.10	10,600.00	..	302.90
LOAN OF 1882	40,000.00	..	40,000.00	40,000.00	..	..
LAND AND BUILDINGS	50,052.49	..	50,052.49	2,800.00	47,252.49	..
COMPENSATION TO FAMILY OF PEASANT SHOT AT RIFLE BUTTS	365.50	..	365.50	..	365.50	..
SURPLUS 31ST DECEMBER 1888	12,821.47	..	12,821.47	..	12,821.47	..
	501,951.83	6,150.00	495,801.83	398,854.00	105,694.43	9,746.60
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	9,159.98	..	9,159.98	..	..	..
	511,111.81	6,150.00	504,961.81	398,854.00	105,694.43	9,746.60
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION OF	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls.	521,111.81	6,150.00	514,961.81	408,854.00	105,694.43	9,746.60

MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ESTIMATE

FOR THE

YEAR COMMENCED 1st JANUARY 1889

AND

ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1889

WITH

REMARKS

by the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai of 1888.

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ESTIMATE

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR

From 1st January 1889 to 31st December 1889,

WITH REMARKS BY THE

COUNCIL FOR 1888,

To be taken in connection with the General Report for the Year ending 31st December 1888.

THE Council have now to submit to the Ratepayers their estimates of the Municipal Income and Expenditure for 1889.

The *Income* is estimated at		Tls. 396,451.47
in which are included :—		
Surplus from 1888	Tls. 12,821.47	
and	„ 20,000.00	
which they recommend should be withdrawn from the Sinking Fund to pay off the balance of the Loan of 1882.		
	Tls. 32,821.47	
The *Expenditure* recommended is		Tls. 395,316.00
which includes the above	Tls. 20,000.00	
and the sum of	„ 20,000.00	
which they recommend to be paid into the Sinking Fund.		
	Tls. 40,000.00	
leaving an unappropriated balance of		Tls. 1,135.47

The Income to be derived from the *Land Tax, Foreign and Native House Tax and License Fees*, is put down at about the same amount as was received from them last year, but it is expected that the receipts from the Native House Tax and License fees will again probably exceed the estimates, as the Chinese population in the Settlements is still steadily increasing and the number of unoccupied houses decreasing, although a great many new blocks of houses have been erected during the year, and arrangements are now making for a large extension of building in Hongkew.

Dues on Goods are estimated to bring in less than last year, when the receipts from them were larger than it is perhaps prudent to reckon upon for the present one.

The Net Expenditure recommended after deducting the amount to be paid into the Sinking Fund and appropriated to the payment of Debentures, is Tls. 355,000, against Tls. 338,000 last year. *The Police Estimates* are considerably larger than last year, as the Force will consist of 341 men, against 329 in 1888, and provision has been made for the amounts due to time-expired men now in the Force, for bonus and passage-money, as well as for new men who may come out from home in the course of the year.

The same amounts as last year are provided for the *Sanitary Department* and for *Lighting*, but for the *Nuisance Department* there is a slight increase, as more coolies are now required for scavenging the streets of the Settlements.

There is an increase in the amount appropriated for the *Water Supply*, the new arrangement made with the Waterworks Company in July last providing for a much larger quantity being used for Municipal purposes.

For *Public Works* the total amount appropriated is much the same as last year, the most important item being the sum of Tls. 12,000 for new *Granite Pavement* for the side-walks on both sides of the Nanking road extending from the Honan road to the Defence Creek.

There is an increase in the amount provided for *Road Material, Labour* and *Drainage*, and a corresponding decrease in the amounts for *Bridges, Bundings* and *Buildings*.

The usual appropriations are made for the *Public Garden, Volunteers* and *Town Band*, but there is a large increase in that for the *Fire Department*, which is necessary, owing to the discontinuance of their annual contribution by the Agents of the Victoria Fire Engine, and the falling off in the Subscriptions from the Native Guilds.

The same sums as last year are provided for the *Eurasian School* and the *Orphanage* in the French Concession.

The sum of Tls. 20,000 recommended to be paid into the *Sinking Fund* includes the Tls. 10,000 annually appropriated for the payment of Debentures.

The Council recommend that the following Rates and Taxes be levied:—

On Land.—4/10ths of 1 per cent per annum on assessed values.

On Houses occupied by Foreigners.—8 per cent per annum on the actual or assessed rental.

On Houses occupied by Natives.—10 per cent on the actual rental.

Dues on Merchandize.—That the present tariff be continued.

License Fees.—At the Annual Meeting the Ratepayers decided that the License Fee for Wheelbarrows should be increased to 1,000 cash each per month, but the Council having found it unadvisable to enforce this, they have continued during the past year to collect the former tax of 400 cash per month, and they recommend that this rate should continue to be charged during 1889.

They recommend that the other license fees should remain on the present scale and that a fee of $1.50 each per month should be imposed upon the different descriptions of carts now employed in carrying goods, coal, building material, etc., about the Settlements, of which there are about 40 in use.

They suggest that the Ratepayers authorize the incoming Council to collect as under:—

Land Tax.—Half-yearly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January and July respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Foreign.—Quarterly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January, April, July and October respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Native.—Monthly or quarterly, as may appear advisable, in advance, on and after the 1st January.

Dues on Merchandize.—Monthly.

All such rates and dues being payable at the time specified, and to be paid within fourteen days of demand for payment.

License Fees.—From every house of Public Entertainment, Billiard or Bowling Saloon, or Shop, or Store for the sale of Wines, Beer, Spirits, Intoxicating Drugs, Butcher's Meat, Poultry or Game, Slaughter-House or Livery-Stable, Opium-Shop, Pawn-Shop, Tea-Shop, Native Cart, Water-Cart, Boat or Public Vehicle plying, let or used for hire within the limits of the Settlement, monthly or quarterly as may appear advisable, always in advance.

From every Music Hall, Theatre, Circus, or Dancing Saloon.—Nightly in advance.

Telegraph Fees.—At the rate of Tls. 100 per line per annum, in advance.

Cemetery Fees and *Subscriptions to Local Post Office.*—In advance.

Fees for Permits to use Sunshades over Public Thoroughfares.—At time of making application for permit.

Fees for Permits to open Roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing connections with Municipal Drains.—At the time of making application for permit.

The Sale of Night-soil.—To the best advantage.

MUNICIPAL

Estimate for the year 1st January

Income.

		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.			
FOREIGN.—At 4/10ths of 1per cent on Tls.13,499,813 being Tls. 13,942,960 total assessed value of land			
Less „ 443,147 „ „ „ property occupied by Churches, Cemeteries and Municipal properties.			
Tls. 13,499,813		.....	54,000.00
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.			
FOREIGN.—At 8 per cent on actual or assessed rentals of rateable houses. Tls. 575,947=		46,075.00	
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year		2,575.00	
Estimated to be received		.....	43,500.00
NATIVE.—At 10 per cent on $1,467,686 (total actual or assessed rentals at 31st December 1888, of Chinese houses)=$146,768 at exchange of 72		105,673.00	
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year		9,673.00	
Estimated to be received		.....	96,000.00
DUES ON MERCHANDIZE.			
Estimated to be received from the Public		46,500.00	
Contribution from H.E. the Taotai, $14,000 ...		10,200.00	
			56,700.00
LICENSE FEES. **FOREIGN AND NATIVE.**			
Foreign:			
From every wine and spirit shop and from every beer store, and from every house of entertainment, from $40 to $65 quarterly	1,700		
Billiard and bowling saloons, for every night open, computed at the rate of $3 per quarter, each billiard table or bowling alley	260		
		1,960.00	
Carried forward		1,960.00	250,200.00

BUDGET.

to 31*st December* 1889.

Expenditure.

POLICE CHARGES.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Pay—Foreigners.		
1 Captain Superintendent	5,000.00	
1 Chief Inspector	1,533.00	
5 Inspectors	4,993.00	
16 Sergeants	7,753.00	
31 Constables	12,220.00	
1 Storekeeper	600.00	
55—		32,099.00
Sikhs.		
1 Jemadar	263.00	
4 Sergeants	700.00	
41 Constables	5,387.00	
46—		6,350.00
Natives.		
12 Sergeants	1,494.00	
200 Constables	17,958.00	
2 „ in charge of prisoner	175.00	
9 Station Interpreters	1,104.00	
1 Shroff	123.00	
224—		20,854.00
Detectives.		
1 Chief Detective	657.00	
1 Sergeant	219.00	
11 Constables	1,752.00	
13—		2,628.00
Office Staff.		
1 Chinese Clerk and Interpreter	600.00	
1 Indian „ „	307.00	
1 Writer	175.00	
3—		1,082.00
341 Total	.....	63,013.00
Bonus for time-expired members of the Force ...	.....	2,435.00
„ „ 8 men from England	.....	564.00
Merit pay, Foreigners and Sikhs	.....	2,247.00
Carried forward	.....	68,259.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	1,960.00	250,200.00
LICENSE FEES—*continued.*		
Native:		
From every shop or store selling foreign wine, spirits or beer, at $40 each per quarter 1,900		
Water-carts 250		
Carts 500		
Opium-houses 29,000		
Pawn-shops 3,500		
Wine-shops 2,400		
Sampans 1,100		
Jin-rik-shas 34,500		
Wheelbarrows 6,000		
Tea-shops 3,200		
Foreign and Native:		
Cargo-boats 6,000		
Livery stables 8,700		
Theatres 900		
	97,950.00	
		99,910.00
SANITARY BRANCH.		
Night-soil, sale of	2,970.00	
Lock Hospital fees	350.00	
		3,320.00
Carried forward	.....	353,430.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	68,259.00
Passages:		
For time-expired members of the Force ...	2,521.00	
„ 8 men from England	750.00	
		3,271.00
Medical Aid:		
Medicines	600.00	
Hospital Charges	600.00	
		1,200.00
Rent:		
Louza Station	168.00	
Foochow road Station for Sikhs	360.00	
		528.00
Insurance:		
On Central, Hongkew, Louza and District Stations	.....	100.00
Clothing:		
For the Force	.....	6,500.00
Funeral Expenses:		
Provision for	.....	200.00
Pay—Natives:		
Coolies and Messengers for all Stations ...	650.00	
Punkah Coolies	100.00	
		750.00
Prisoners' Food, etc.	500.00	
Fuel and Gas	3,500.00	
Coolie hire for carrying sick and drunken men, sampan hire, etc.	200.00	
Printing, Stationery and Newspapers	800.00	
Expenses catching stray dogs	300.00	
Loss in Exchange on remittances to London for Constables	500.00	
Miscellaneous Charges	500.00	
		6,300.00
BUBBLING WELL ROAD STATION.		
Pay—1 Foreign Sergeant, 10 Sikh Constables, 1 Chinese Interpreter, 1 Messenger ...	2,000.00	
Clothing 250, Rent 360, Water, Fuel and Gas 270, Merit pay 212	992.00	
	2,992.00	
Less—Estimated to be received from residents...	1,350.00	
		1,642.00
Carried forward	.....	88,750.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	.....	353,430.00
Carried forward	.....	353,430.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	88,750.00
Police Deferred Pay Fund—Provision for	.....	3,000.00
		91,750.00
RELIEF OF POOR.		
For foreign and native poor	.....	200.00
SANITARY.		
FOREIGN AND NATIVE HOSPITALS.		
Hospitals for Chinese	1,000.00	
General Hospital	2,000.00	
Lock Hospital	800.00	
		3,800.00
MEDICAL.		
Pay of Officer of Health	500.00	
„ Municipal Surgeon	750.00	
„ Constables collecting returns of native death rate	300.00	
Medical attendance for casualties in Hongkew ...	50.00	
		1,600.00
NUISANCE AND MARKET.		
Pay—Foreign:		
Inspector of Nuisances, Markets & Livery Stables	2,400.00	
Assistant Inspector of Markets	1,260.00	
Assistants	2,760.00	
Native Overseer	100.00	
	6,520.00	
Labour:		
For removing night-soil and garbage and for sweeping roads	12,000.00	
Watchmen for preventing nuisances	200.00	
Weeding roads	130.00	
Cleaning sinks	1,300.00	
Hire of Jin-rik-shas for Overseers	170.00	
Watering the roads of the Settlement and the Bubbling Well road	2,200.00	
	22,520.00	
Disinfectants	300.00	
		22,820.00
Carried forward	.....	120,170 00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	353,430.00
Carried forward	.....	353,430.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	120,170.00
WATER SUPPLY.		
Supply of water for Municipal purposes	.....	12,500.00
LIGHTING.		
Gas:		
The Settlement and the Bubbling Well road ...	11,000.00	
Electric Light:		
For a portion of the Settlement	15,000.00	
		26,000.00
TELEPHONE LINES.		
Maintenance of all lines by contract	.....	900.00
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.		
Pay—Foreign Staff:		
Surveyor 3,750		
Gratuity to Surveyor 4,600		
Assistant 1,700		
Overseers 2,850		
Temporary Overseer 350		
	13,250.00	
Pay—Native Staff:		
Writer 198		
Tracer 336		
Office Messenger 96		
	630.00	
Rent of house for Surveyor	375.00	
,, land for storing road materials	620 00	
Coal, gas and water supply	170.00	
Stationery, printing and office necessaries	355.00	
		15,400.00
PUBLIC WORKS.		
Bridges:		
Hanbury road, new wooden bridge ... 6,000		
General repairs 2,000		
	8,000.00	
Buildings:		
General repairs	2,000.00	
Carried forward	10,000.00	174,970.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	353,430.00
Carried forward	.....	353,430.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		10,000.00	174,970.00
PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*			
Bundings:			
General repairs		2,000.00	
Drainage:			
Dent road, from Seward road to Broadway	800		
Broadway, from Kung Ping road to Wayside	1,500		
North Kiangse road, North of Tiendong road	800		
Tsung Ming road, parallel to and North of Tiendong road	900		
North Honan road, from Canton Garden to Soochow Creek	2,200		
Iron sink boxes and gratings	2,000		
Subsidiary drains, repairs to drains and drain boxes, laying drain pipes, alterations and repairs	1,600		
		9,800.00	
Landing Stages:			
General repairs		3,000.00	
Roads:			
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks...	23,000		
Curbs and side-channels	3,000		
Chip-pavement	3,000		
Granite pavement on both sides of the Nanking road from Honan road to Defence Creek	12,000		
Labour	11,000		
		52,000.00	
			76,800.00
Outside Roads:			
Maintenance		5,000.00	
Trees		500.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax		200.00	
			5,700.00
Public Garden:			
Maintenance		1,500.00	
8 ornamental lamps for new band stand ...		200.00	
			1,700.00
Carried forward		.....	259,170.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	353,430.00
PERMIT FEES.		
Fees for permits to open roads for repairing or connecting with public drains, and for erecting sunshades	.....	600.00
CEMETERIES.		
For vaults and grave-spaces	.....	500.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE.		
Subscribers	3,600.00	
Expresses	350.00	
Stamps and unpaid letters	1,250.00	
		5,200.00
Carried forward	.....	359,730.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	259,170.00
CEMETERIES.		
Sexton for all Cemeteries, and allowance for labour and coolies	240.00	
Gardener, for care of all Cemeteries and Cathedral compound	1,060.00	
General repairs to all Cemeteries	700.00	
Repairs to Mortuary Chapel, New Cemetery ...	1,000.00	
Chinese Government ground-tax	100.00	
		3,100.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE.		
Postmaster	1,320.00	
Assistant	700.00	
Delivery coolies, sampan and jin-rik-sha	1,870.00	
Printing, Stationery, Newspapers, Advertising and Mail-Bags	360.00	
Postage Stamps...	100.00	
Coal and gas	100.00	
Agencies at Ports	290.00	
Incidental charges	80.00	
		4,820.00
SECRETARIAT.		
Pay—Foreign:		
Secretary 4,750		
Accountant 3,600		
2 Assistants 5,200		
	13,550.00	
Dues Office:		
1 Assistant... 2,100		
1 Writer 198		
1 Coolie 60		
	2,358.00	
Tax Office:		
Collector and Overseer of rates... ... 2,400		
„ of Foreign house tax... ... 1,500		
2 Collectors of Native house tax ... 1,860		
Collector of Opium tax 1,380		
„ Sampan and boat tax ... 960		
	8,100.00	
Carried forward	24,008.00	267,090.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET *–continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	359,730.00
Carried forward... ...	.....	359,730.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward		24,008.00	267,090.00
SECRETARIAT—*continued.*			
Native Staff:			
Linguist and Assistant	840		
Compradore and Staff	2,920		
4 Tax Writers	954		
Sampan-man employed in the collection of sampan tax	96		
Godown-man	120		
Watchman at Council House	90		
	5,020		
Native Servants:			
For Municipal Offices	408		
Coolie for numbering Chinese houses ...	36		
Jin-rik-sha coolies for tax collectors ...	134		
		5,598.00	
			29,606.00
GENERAL CHARGES.			
Coal, gas and oil for all offices, stables and godown		300.00	
Insurance on Municipal buildings		100.00	
Legal Expenses...		1,500.00	
Audit Fee		350.00	
Stationery, printing, advertising, newspapers and postage		2,500.00	
House and license numbers		1,500.00	
Uniforms and Medicines for tax collectors... ...		250.00	
Pew-rents for 7 sittings, Trinity Cathedral... ...		144.00	
Incidental charges		356.00	
			7,000.00
STUD.			
For animals for public works and removing garbage		9,500.00	
Pony for Captain-Superintendent of Police... ...		120.00	
„ Chief Inspector of Police		180.00	
Ponies for night patrol, and for patrolling the Bubbling Well road		400.00	
Pony for Surveyor		180.00	
„ Collector and Overseer of rates		180.00	
2 Ponies for Inspector of Nuisances, Markets and Livery Stables, and Assistant		360.00	
Leather washers and grease for cart-wheels ...		300.00	
			11,220.00
Carried forward		.....	314,916.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward... ...	.....	359,730.00
Carried forward	.....	359,730.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	314,916.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT.		
Contribution	.....	4,500.00
VOLUNTEERS.		
Maintenance	.....	6,000.00
TOWN BAND.		
Maintenance	.....	6,000.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM.		
Contribution	.....	500.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY.		
Contribution	.....	100.00
EDUCATION GRANT.		
Eurasian School	900.00	
French Orphanage	1,000.00	
		1,900.00
INTEREST.		
On Debentures	11,200.00	
„ Police Savings Bank	500.00	
		11,700.00
SINKING FUND	.....	20,000.00
Carried forward	.....	365,616.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	359,730.00
INTEREST.		
On daily balances at Bank	400.00	
„ Trust funds „	500.00	
		900.00
SINKING FUND.		
Amount to be withdrawn from fund at Bank for payment of balance of 1882 Loan	.....	20,000.00
STOCK AND STORES.		
Drain-pipes and stores	.....	3,000.00
		383.630.00
SURPLUS, 31st December 1888	.....	12,821.47
		396,451.47
Depreciation on Stock and Stores to be written off General Balance	.....	10,000.00
TAELS	.....	406,451.47

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Brought forward	.....	365,616.00
MUNICIPAL LOAN 1882.		
For payment of 200 Debentures balance of Loan ...	.....	20,000.00
STOCK AND STORES.		
Police Barrack Furniture	1,000.00	
Public Works	1,500.00	
Nuisance...	1,500.00	
Public lamps	800.00	
Volunteers	1,000.00	
Purchase of harness, wheels, springs, etc.	1,000.00	
Drain-pipes	2,500.00	
Town Band, new instruments	400.00	
		9,700.00
		395,316.00
UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE	.....	1,135.47
		396,451.47
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES ACCOUNT.		
Amount to be written off for depreciation ...	.....	10,000.00
TAELS	.....	406,451.47

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	Tls.
Pay :		
Police (exclusive of Bubbling Well Road Station)	65,260.00	
Nuisance and Market	6,520.00	
Surveyor's Office (including gratuity to Surveyor)	13,880.00	
Secretariat	29,606.00	
Legal Adviser	1,500.00	
Auditor...	350.00	
Medical...	1,600.00	
Local Post Office	3,890.00	
Cemeteries	1,300.00	
		123,906.00
Police Deferred Pay Fund	.....	3,000.00
Police passages and bonus	.....	6,270.00
Bubbling Well Road Police Station	.....	1,642.00
Foreign and Native Hospitals	.....	3,800.00
Telephone Lines	.....	900.00
Rent :		
Police : Louza Station	168.00	
Foochow Road Station	360.00	
Surveyor	375.00	
Land for storing Road Materials	620.00	
		1,523.00
Clothing :		
For Police Force (exclusive of Bubbling Well Road Station)	.....	6,500.00
Relief of Poor	.....	200.00
Lighting :		
Gas	11,000.00	
Electric	15,000.00	
		26,000.00
Town Band :	.....	6,000.00
Labour :		
Animal Labour	9,500.00	
Making and repairing Roads	11,000.00	
Scavenging and Watering Roads	16,000.00	36,500.00
Carried forward ...	.....	216,241.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	.....	216,241.00
Public Works	.....	73,300.00
Public Garden	.....	1,700.00
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc.:		
Police	800.00	
Surveyor's Office	355.00	
Secretariat	2,500.00	
Local Post Office	360.00	
		4,015.00
Volunteers	.....	6,000.00
Fire Department	.....	4,500.00
Interest...	.....	11,700.00
Shanghai Museum	.....	500.00
Forage and *Farriery:*		
Police	700.00	
Secretariat	180.00	
Surveyor's Office	180.00	
Nuisance	360.00	
		1,420.00
Shanghai Library	... ..	100.00
Education Grants	.....	1,900.00
Sinking Fund	.....	20,000.00
Municipal Loan of 1882	.....	20,000.00
Stock and Stores	.....	9,700.00
Water Supply	.....	12,500.00
Carried forward	.....	383,576.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward ...	.....	383,576.00
Fire Insurance:		
Police	100.00	
Municipal buildings, including Surveyor's Office, Local Post Office, Plant and Stores	100.00	
		200.00
Fuel and Light:		
Police	3,500.00	
Surveyor's Office	170.00	
Local Post Office	100.00	
General Charges	300.00	
		4,070.00
Miscellaneous:		
Police	4,150.00	
Nuisance	300.00	
General Charges	2,250.00	
Local Post Office	470.00	
Stud	300.00	
		7,470.00
		395,316.00
Unappropriated Balance	.....	1,135.47
Total ...	.....	396,451.47

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	1888.		ESTIMATE 1889.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	..	54,007.24	..	54,000.00
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—*Foreign*	..	43,781.53	..	43,500.00
" " " *Native*	..	95,252.80	..	96,000.00
DUES ON MERCHANDIZE—FROM PUBLIC ..	49,299.70	..	46,500.00	
" " H.E. THE TAOTAI ..	10,230.50	..	10,200.00	
		59,530.20		56,700.00
LICENSES—*Foreign:*				
LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,853.05	..	1,700.00	..
Foreign and Native:				
BILLIARD AND BOWLING SALOONS	264.59	..	260.00	..
THEATRES	931.71	..	900.00	..
LIVERY STABLES	8,778.02	..	8,700.00	..
CARGO-BOATS	5,931.14	..	6,000.00	..
Native:				
TEA-SHOPS	3,190.63	..	3,200.00	..
WATER-CARTS	282.66	..	250.00	..
LIQUOR-SELLERS	1,799.96	..	1,900.00	..
SAMPANS	1,120.03	..	1,100.00	..
PAWN-SHOPS	4,905.15	..	3,500.00	..
OPIUM-SHOPS	29,359.70	..	29,000.00	..
WHEEL-BARROWS	6,145.19	..	6,000.00	..
WINE-SHOPS	2,373.37	..	2,400.00	..
JIN-RIK-SHAS	34,929.21	..	34,500.00	..
CARTS	..	..	500.00	..
		101,864.41		99,910.00
NIGHT-SOIL	..	2,983.50	..	2,970.00
LOCK HOSPITAL FEES	..	359.31	..	350.00
FEES FOR PERMITS FOR CONNECTING WITH PUBLIC DRAINS, ETC., AND FOR ERECTING SUNSHADES	..	595.26	..	600.00
CEMETERY FEES	..	513.75	..	500.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE	..	6,540.45	..	5,200.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES	..	4,686,24	..	3,000.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS	..	64.08	..	..
INTEREST	..	3,795.21	..	900.00
SINKING FUND and Interest	..	40,776.93	..	20,000.00
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND and Interest ..	..	936.60	..	..
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1887	..	1,492.13	..	..
SURPLUS, 1887	..	..	..	..
" 1888	..	..	..	12,821.47
MUNCIPAL LOAN of 1888	..	70,000.00	..	
		487,179.64		396,451.47
DEPRECIATION ON MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES AND PROPERTIES	..	10,000.00	..	10,000.00
Tls. ..	..	497,179.64	..	406,451.47

COMPARITIVE STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURE.	1888.		ESTIMATE 1889.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
POLICE:				
Pay	59,619.62	..	65,260.00	
Medical Aid, Rent and Incidental Charges	17,032.02	..	15,578.00	
Allowance for Special Services	600.00	..	..	
Deferred Pay Fund	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	
Expenses of Constables from London	2,469.68	..	..	
Bonus to time-expired Constables, and Men from England	1,863.61	..	2,999.00	
Passages to time-expired Constables, and Men from England	809.33	..	3,271.00	
Carter Road Station	1,570.60	86,964.86	1,642.00	91,750.00
RELIEF OF POOR	..	92.20	..	200.00
SANITARY: *Foreign and Native Hospitals*	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	
Medical	1,552.02	..	1,600.00	
Lock Hospital	719.82	..	800.00	
Nuisance and Market	22,479.39	27,751.23	22,820.00	28,220.00
LIGHTING:—*Gas*	9,344.90	..	11,000.00	
Electric Light	15,090.88	24,435.78	15,000.00	26,000.00
WATER SUPPLY	..	10,006.31	..	12,500.00
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:		..		
Pay	9,265.98	..	9,280.00	
Gratuities	75.34	..	4,600.00	
Rent	1,383.71	..	995.00	
Survey	650.00	..	..	
Insurance, Coal, Gas and Office Necessaries	497.66	11,872.69	525.00	15,400.00
TELEPHONE LINES	..	960.02	..	900.00
CEMETERIES AND CATHEDRAL COMPOUND	..	3,448.22	..	3,100.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	..	500.00	..	500.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY	..	100.00	..	100.00
EDUCATION GRANTS	..	1,873.90	..	1,900.00
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1882	..	40,000.00	..	..
" " 1882	..	..	..	20,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS:—*Buildings*	9,816.61	..	2,000.00	
Bridges	11,493.38	..	8,000.00	
Bundings	5,159.75	..	2,000.00	
Fire-Wells	26.38	..	..	
Drainage	4,254.36	..	9,800.00	
Latrines	185.85	..	..	
Landing-Stages	4,802.08	..	3,000.00	
ROADS:—*Road materials, trees, labour, etc.*	33,686.52	..	52,000.00	
Widening and Improving	31,287.76	100,712.69	..	76,800.00
OUTSIDE ROADS	..	5,449.26	..	5,700.00
PUBLIC GARDEN	..	5,076.58	..	1,700.00
TOWN BAND	..	6,017.83	..	6,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	..	4,623.90	..	4,500.00
STUD—*Animal Labour, etc.*	..	11,307.22	..	11,220.00
SINKING FUND and Interest	..	21,276.93	..	20,000.00
LOCAL POST OFFICE	..	4,617.79	..	4,820.00
SECRETARIAT: *Pay, including collection of taxes*	..	28,680.87	..	29,606.00
GENERAL CHARGES:				
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	..	1,500.00	
Audit Fee	350.00	..	350.00	
Coal and Gas	333.11	..	300.00	
Insurance	24.82	..	100.00	
House and Public Vehicle Numbers	389.36	..	1,500.00	
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, Postage	2,953.86	..	2,500.00	
Uniforms, etc., for Tax Collectors	236.10	..	250.00	
Pew rent	144.00	..	144.00	
Expenses of Annual Meeting of Ratepayers	22.98	..	..	
Incidental charges	379.78	..	356.00	
Passage of Tax Collector to London	191.04	6,525.05	..	7,000.00
INTEREST	..	9,628.22	..	11,700.00
POLICE DEFERRED PAY FUND, INTEREST DEPOSITED	..	936.60	..	
VOLUNTEERS	..	9,407.12	..	6,000.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES	..	10,297.10	..	9,700.00
LAND AND BUILDINGS	..	50,052.49	..	
COMPENSATION TO FAMILY OF PEASANT ACCIDENTALLY SHOT	..	365.50	..	
		482,980.36	..	395,316.00
UNAPPROPRIATED	..	..	..	1,135.47
				396,451.47
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES AND PROPERTY ACCOUNT, DEPRECIATION	..	10,000.00	..	10,000.00
Tls.	..	492,980.36	..	406,451.47